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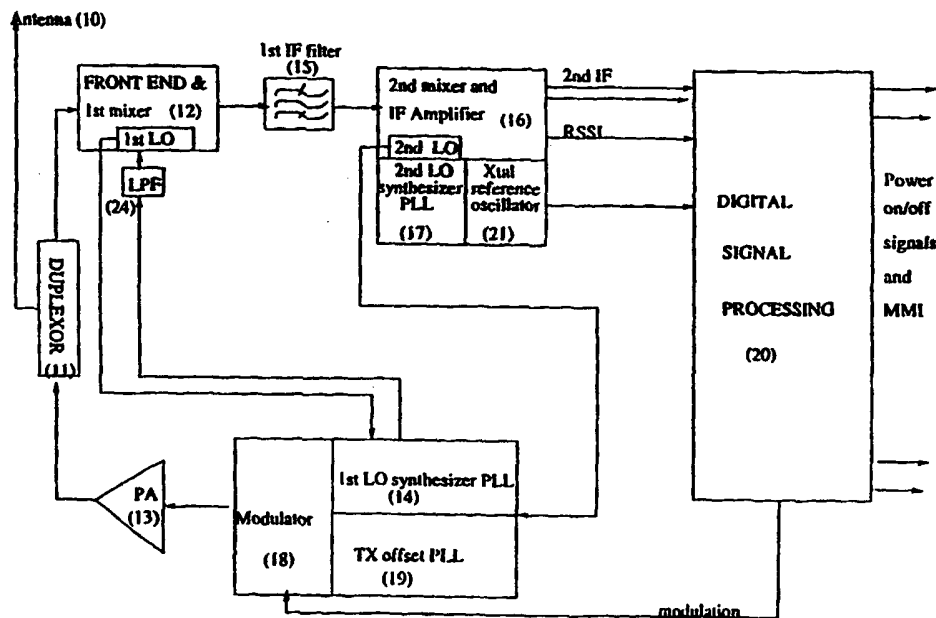
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(57) Abstract

A mobile radio telephone having a simplified architecture including a reduced number of integrated circuits and a reduced number of RF connections. A dual band, dual mode mobile phone can be constructed using either a single crystal reference oscillator or two crystals such that alternative symbol rates, channel spacings, or transmit/receive duplex spacings can be achieved.

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## SIMPLIFIED REFERENCE FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION IN A MOBILE PHONE

### FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The invention relates to mobile communications using a selected pair of  
5 transmit and receive frequencies and relates to the derivation of transmit and  
receive frequency steps and digital clock rates from a common crystal reference  
oscillator.

### BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

It is well known in the art of mobile radiotelephones to employ a receiver  
10 for receiving a receive frequency signal while a transmitter simultaneously  
transmits a transmit frequency signal in the other direction, the transmit frequency  
being separated from the receive frequency by a constant offset known as the  
duplex spacing.

Although the duplex spacing is nominally a constant, it can be a different  
15 constant depending on the frequency band in which the mobile phone is operating.  
Complications can then arise in constructing mobile phones that operate in more  
than one frequency band.

U.S. patent application Serial No. 08/795,930 entitled "Transmit Signal  
Generation with the Aid of Receiver" (Dolman) describes the use of the second  
20 local oscillator of the receiver as a reference frequency against which a transmit  
frequency is controlled relative to a receive frequency to achieve either a first or a  
second duplex spacing. The Dolman application is hereby incorporated by  
reference.

It is also known in the prior art, when packaging two synthesizer PLL  
25 circuits into a common integrated circuit, to synchronize or otherwise relate the  
reference dividers of the two PLLs so that their phase comparators do not  
mutually interfere. The Philips UM1005 and 8026 dual synthesizer integrated

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circuits available on the open market use this technique. These circuits include the use of fractional-N dividers and programmable loop bandwidth, such as described in U.S. Patents 5,095,288 and 5,180,993 which are hereby incorporated by reference. Novel ways to employ such synthesizers in dual mode satellite/cellular  
5 telephones in order to achieve different tuning step sizes in different frequency bands are described in U.S. Patent Nos. 5,535,432 and 5,610,559 which are also hereby incorporated by reference.

Continuous advances in electronics allow for smaller mobile phones complying with a variety of national and international protocols. The international  
10 mobile phone standard known as GSM in Europe and as PCS 1900 in the USA operates with a transmit/receive duplex spacing of 45MHz in the European 900MHz band; 95MHz in the European 1800MHz band, and 80MHz in the U.S. 1900MHz PCS band. The channel spacing is 200KHz (13MHz/65) and the transmitted symbol rate is 13MHz/48. All timing in this standard is related to a  
15 13MHz clock, as is well known. The U.S. IS 136 system known as DAMPS operates with a 45MHz duplex spacing in the US 800MHz cellular band, and with an 80.4MHz duplex spacing in the U.S. 1900MHz PCS band, with a tuning step size of 30KHz and a transmitted symbol rate of 24.3 Kilosymbols/sec. In IS 136, as is well known, the tuning step sizes and symbol rates and internal timing are all  
20 derivable from a 19.44MHz clock. Yet another U.S. standard known as IS95 uses Code Division Multiple Access at a transmitted chip rate of 1228.8MHz, with a duplex spacing of 45MHz combined with tuning steps of 30KHz in the 800MHz band, alternatively 50KHz steps combined with 80MHz duplex spacing in the 1900MHz band. In IS95, the chip rate and frequency step sizes are not easily  
25 derivable from the same crystal oscillator. It may be easily understood that combining two or more of the abovementioned protocols in the same handheld unit is hindered by the variety of tuning step sizes, duplex spacings and symbol rates that must be synthesized. Consequently, there exists a need for an improved radio architecture to facilitate such combination.

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**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

A mobile phone receiver according to the invention comprises a first superheterodyne downconversion means using a first local oscillator frequency which can be tuned in frequency steps by a programmable digital frequency synthesizer phase lock loop (PLL). The first downconversion means converts  
5 received signals to a first intermediate frequency (IF) for filtering. A second downconversion means using a second local oscillator converts first IF signals to a second IF or to the complex baseband for further filtering and processing. The second local oscillator is generated using a second digital frequency synthesizer  
10 PLL which locks the second oscillator to a crystal reference oscillator. The crystal reference oscillator provides a buffered clock output signal from which digital logic derives transmit symbol rates and receiver processing sampling rates.

According to a first aspect of the invention, the second local oscillator provides a buffered output signal at the second local oscillator frequency. The  
15 buffered output signal is used as the reference frequency for the first local oscillator's synthesizer PLL, thus eliminating the need to distribute the crystal oscillator signal to the first oscillator's PLL circuit. According to a second aspect of the invention, the first oscillator PLL comprises a phase comparator to compare the divided down first local oscillator signal with the divided down reference  
20 frequency signal from the second local oscillator, the divided down frequencies being equal to the desired receiver frequency tuning steps or a multiple thereof. It should be appreciated that this frequency would not have been available by dividing down the crystal frequency in an integral ratio without practicing this aspect of the invention.

25 According to a third aspect of the invention, a third digital frequency synthesizer PLL controls the transmitter frequency to be equal to the first local oscillator frequency plus or minus a transmit offset frequency. The transmit frequency can for example be heterodyned with the first local oscillator frequency to produce a transmit offset frequency signal; the transmit offset frequency signal

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is then divided down in a digital divider and compared with a phase reference frequency which is also derived by dividing the second local oscillator frequency by an integer factor.

Since according to the third aspect of the invention, the transmit offset  
5 synthesizer PLL and the first local oscillator PLL both utilize the second local oscillator as a common frequency reference, they can furthermore be packaged in a common integrated circuit and can share at least part of the reference divider which divides the second local oscillator frequency to produce a first and second  
10 phase comparator reference frequency signal for the two PLLs respectively. The two PLLs' respective phase comparators are arranged to respond to opposite polarities of a signal at a lowest common multiple frequency of their respective first and second phase comparator reference signals in order to minimize mutual interference between the two PLLs.

#### **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

15 The invention will be more fully understood upon reading the following description with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which:

FIG. 1 illustrates prior art reference frequency distribution;

FIG. 2 illustrates another prior art scheme;

FIG. 3 illustrates the improved system described in the incorporated

20 Dolman reference;

FIG. 4 illustrates a new inventive reference distribution scheme;

FIG. 5 illustrates more detail of the inventive frequency synthesis scheme;

FIG. 6 illustrates an inventive dual band scheme using frequency doublers

FIG. 7 illustrates an inventive dual band scheme using frequency halvers;

25 FIG. 8 illustrates an inventive scheme using one frequency halver and one frequency doubler;

FIG. 9 illustrates an inventive scheme in which the frequency halver and the frequency doubler are switched in position;

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FIG. 10 illustrates an inventive scheme in which a frequency doubler can be powered down for AMPS reception;

FIG. 11 is a modification of figure 10, using frequency halvers;

FIG. 12 illustrates an alternative reference frequency distribution for dual-mode radios

FIG. 13 illustrates divider ratios for the dual-mode radio of FIG. 12;

FIG. 14 illustrates a dual-mode radio using I.F. Homodyne for a PCS1900 mode;

FIG. 15 illustrates a dual-mode radio using a single crystal;

FIG. 16 illustrates divider ratios for the dual-mode radio of FIG. 15;

FIG. 17 illustrates a dual-mode radio using two reference crystals;

FIG. 18 illustrates divider ratios for the dual-mode radio of FIG. 17;

FIG. 19 illustrates divider ratios to eliminate the second crystal of FIG. 17;

and

FIG. 20 illustrates a skip-counter for generating 194.4KHz from 19.5MHz.

Referring now to FIG. 1, a prior art cellular phone comprises an antenna (10) connected to a receiver and a transmitter by means of a transmit/receive duplexor (11). When simultaneous transmit and receive (frequency duplex) is used, as in the analog FM AMPS standard or the IS95 CDMA standard, the duplexor (11) is a duplexing filter. Alternatively, for a TDMA system such as GSM/PCS1900 or D-AMPS/IS136 that employs time-duplex, the duplexor can be a T/R switch. For dual band phones employing frequency duplex in one band and time duplex in another band, duplexor (11) can be a dual-band duplexor having both a switch and a duplexing filter. When frequency duplex is used in both bands, duplexor (11) could comprise duplexing filters for both bands, and when time duplex is used in both bands, a single T/R switch might serve for both bands.

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The duplexor allows the transmitter to be connected to the antenna without affecting receiver sensitivity. The receiver comprises a low noise amplifier and downconverter known as "the front end", (12). The front end can be fabricated in a single integrated circuit comprising a low-noise amplifier, a downconverting and possibly image-rejecting mixer and a first local oscillator, for each of two or more different frequency bands (such as the 800MHz and 1900MHz bands).

The first local oscillator mixes with the desired receive frequency signal to produce a first intermediate frequency signal. Filtering can take place with a fixed frequency bandpass filter, IF filter (15). The desired receive frequency is selected by tuning the local oscillator to a frequency equal to the sum or the difference of the desired receive frequency and the first IF, by means of first local oscillator synthesizer phase lock loop (14). The 1st LO PLL tunes the 1st LO to a programmable integer multiple of a basic tuning step size, which is derived from a crystal reference oscillator (21) by dividing the crystal frequency by another integer to get the step size. For small step sizes, the synthesizer may alternatively derive a greater step size from crystal oscillator (21) by dividing by a smaller integer, and then interpolate between these larger steps to get the desired smaller steps using the technique of fractional-N synthesis described in the above-incorporated references. First LO PLL circuit (14) compares the 1st LO frequency to the crystal reference signal and generates an error signal. The error signal is filtered and integrated in Loop Filter (24) to produce a control signal to control the oscillator frequency until the frequency is exactly as intended.

The receiver amplifies the filtered 1st IF signal and then customarily performs a second frequency downconversion using a second heterodyne mixer and second local oscillator. The IF amplifiers, second local oscillator and second mixer are all contained in a conventional second integrated circuit (16). After downconverting a second time to a second or final Intermediate frequency, further amplification may take place at the final IF and a detector circuit can be employed to produce a Radio Signal Strength Indication (RSSI) related to the strength of the



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received signal. The second IF amplifier may be hardlimiting, and then outputs a hardlimited final IF signal to digital signal processing (20) where phase information is extracted and digitized using the second IF signal simultaneously with digitizing the RSSI signal, as described in U.S. Patent No. 5,048,059 entitled

5 "Log-polar signal processing", which is hereby incorporated by reference herein. The second local oscillator part of IF amplifier circuit (16) is also controlled to the desired frequency by means of a synthesizer PLL circuit (17) and loop filter (23). The 2nd LO frequency is compared with the crystal oscillator (21) and an error signal produced as before. Thus both synthesizer circuits (14) and (17) use the

10 crystal as the frequency reference or standard of accuracy for controlling both the first and second LO. The digital signal processing logic (20) can also require an accurate frequency standard for producing receiver sampling and processing rates and transmit symbol rates, and so is also fed with an output from crystal oscillator (21).

15 The transmitter comprises transmit frequency generation circuit (19) for producing a signal offset from the receive frequency by the fixed duplex spacing. The transmit frequency is thus offset from the 1st LO frequency by the duplex spacing combined with the first intermediate frequency, which nevertheless is still a constant offset. The constant transmit offset is either equal to the first IF minus

20 the duplex spacing or the first IF plus the duplex spacing, depending on whether the 1st LO is lower or higher than the receive and transmit frequencies.

The transmit frequency signal is then modulated with information from digital signal processor (20) using modulator (18), which is for example a quadrature modulator having I and Q input signals. The modulated signal is then

25 amplified to a transmit power level using power amplifier (13), which may be a dual-band power amplifier in a dual-band phone.

Transmit offset PLL forms the difference between the transmit and 1st LO frequencies and tests to see if it equals the desired offset, by comparing the offset with the crystal reference. The TX offset PLL thus also has need of a crystal

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reference frequency signal from oscillator (21), making four places to which the oscillator signals must be distributed.

5 The four separate outputs from oscillator (21) must be sufficiently isolated from one another by buffer amplifiers and conditioned to drive copper tracks on the printed circuit motherboard. This consumes battery power and presents a radiated interference hazard. Often, to save battery power during standby, outputs which are momentarily not required, such as that feeding the transmit offset PLL, may be turned off by control signals from a control processor (part of digital signal processing 20), which is a further complication. It is thus desirable to  
10 reduce the distribution of the crystal reference signal by means of printed circuit board tracks to multiple destinations.

A first step in this direction is already taken in prior art products sold by Ericsson in the USA. By combining the first and second LO PLLs in a single chip, such as the Philips UM1005 or 8026 part, a single input for the crystal  
15 reference may be used, since both use the crystal as the reference. Further, by combining crystal oscillator (21) into a transmit signal generator chip together with TX offset PLL and modulator (18), no external output connection between oscillator (21) and offset PLL (19) is needed.

Thus, referring to FIG. 2, the number of crystal reference signal outputs  
20 required is reduced to two, one feeding dual synthesizer circuit (14 + 17) and the other feeding digital signal processing (20).

In U.S. patent application Serial No. 08/795,930 to Dolman, incorporated above, it is explained that all PLLs desirably operate by dividing the crystal reference frequency by the smallest possible integer for comparison with the  
25 frequency of the oscillator they are controlling, which is also divided by the smallest possible integer. Expressing this another way, it is desired to have the largest possible common factors between the controlled oscillator frequencies and the reference frequency. Dolman discloses that this is facilitated when the

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transmit offset frequency is generated using the 2nd LO as the reference frequency rather than the crystal (22). Dolman's inventive arrangement is shown in FIG. 3.

The second LO provides a first output signal to its controlling PLL (17) and a second output to TX offset PLL (19). Since the crystal oscillator is now not  
5 used for any purpose in transmit circuits (18,19) oscillator (21) is shown once more as a separate circuit (21), having two buffered outputs. The total number of radio frequency signal outputs has however increased, as has the number of separate integrated circuit chips. The radio frequency signals distributed on the printed circuit board are as follows:

- 10 1) 1st LO signal from frontend (12) to PLL (14);
- 2) 1st LO signal from frontend (12) to TX offset PLL (19);
- 3) Crystal reference frequency from oscillator (21) to PLL (14+17);
- 4) Crystal reference frequency from oscillator (21) to processing (20);
- 5) 2nd LO from IF chip (16) to controlling PLL (17); and
- 15 6) 2nd LO from IF chip (16) to TX offset PLL (19).

It is an object of the current invention to reduce the number of RF distribution tracks from the six enumerated above.

FIG. 4 shows one implementation of the invention. The two places to which the 1st LO signal is routed, that is the first LO PLL (14) and the TX offset  
20 PLL (19) are colocated with modulator circuit (18) in first (transmit) integrated circuit. Thus there is only a single 1st LO output connection from front end chip (12) to transmit chip (14,18,19).

However, when two synthesizer PLLs are colocated on the same chip, they should produce output pulses at different times. This is difficult or impossible to  
25 arrange if the two phase comparators have independent reference frequency sources, such as when the second LO is used for the TX offset PLL reference and the crystal is used as the first LO reference. Therefore, according to this invention the second LO is also used as the reference for the first LO synthesizer PLL. Moreover, as will be shown below, there are numerical advantages in using

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the second LO as the reference source for the first LO, particularly when it is desired to construct dual-band/dual-mode radios. Thus, a single reference input from 2nd LO part of IF chip (16) is provided for both PLLs (14) and (19).

5 Crystal oscillator circuit (21) is now combined with 2nd LO PLL and IF circuit (16) so that the reference signal from oscillator (21) to PLL (17) is an internal connection only. Likewise, the 2nd LO signal to its controlling PLL (17) is an internal signal only. The only remaining external signal is from reference oscillator (21) to digital processing (20).

10 The radio frequency oscillator signal distribution has now been reduced to the following signals:

- 1) 1st LO signal from frontend (12) to PLLs (14 & 19);
- 2) Crystal reference frequency from oscillator (21) to processing (20); and
- 3) 2nd LO from IF chip (16) to TX offset PLLs (14 & 19).

15 It would have been equally conceivable to place crystal oscillator (21) into digital processing chip (20), however, the oscillator (21) is more logically associated with other analog/RF circuits that use the same integrated circuit fabrication processes, and is therefore envisioned to be preferably integrated with IF chip (16,17,21). It is possible that in some applications a Very High Frequency (VHF) crystal, such as an overtone crystal, could be used directly to  
20 control the frequency of the second local oscillator without the use of a digital frequency synthesizer PLL circuit; however, VHF overtone crystals are more difficult to adjust to a desired oscillation frequency than fundamental-mode crystals, so a fundamental-mode crystal reference oscillator with a digital PLL is preferred.

25 FIG. 5 gives more details of the reference frequency distribution and frequency synthesis arrangements according to the inventive block diagram of FIG.4.

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The basic source of an accurate frequency reference in the apparatus is quartz crystal resonator (22) of FIGs. 1-4, connected to oscillator circuit (21). Even a quartz crystal cannot provide the necessary accuracy required for cellular phones operating in the 2GHz region of the radio spectrum, and therefore means  
5 contained within digital processing (20) determine the receiver frequency error relative to signals received from land-based network stations or satellite relays, which error is ascribed to crystal (22), and an adjusting signal is sent to frequency adjustment components (such as a varactor diode for example) connected to crystal (22) so as to annul the error.

10 In FIG. 5, the oscillator circuit (21) is incorporated in IF chip (30) along with second local oscillator (33) and its control PLL comprising reference divider (35), first variable divider (32), phase comparator (31) and loop filter (34). The crystal oscillator signal is divided in frequency by counter/divider (35) which divides by a first integer M1 to produce a phase comparison frequency  $F_{ref}/M1$ ,  
15 where  $F_{ref}$  is the crystal frequency. The second local oscillator signal is divided in frequency by an integer N1 in first variable divider (32), to produce a second phase comparison signal, which is compared with the phase comparison frequency signal from divide-by-M1 circuit (35) to produce a phase and frequency error signal from first phase comparator (31). The phase error signal is filtered and  
20 integrated using loop filter (34) to produce a frequency control signal to 2nd local oscillator (33) free of comparison frequency ripple. The higher the comparison frequency from divider (35), the easier it is for loop filter (34) to eliminate this unwanted ripple while otherwise maintaining a fast speed of response to correct unwanted fluctuations of the 2nd LO's frequency due to noise or vibration, for  
25 example. Therefore an objective of the invention is to obtain a high comparison frequency, that is a low reference divide ratio M1. The second local oscillator frequency is thus accurately controlled to equal  $F_{ref} \cdot N1/M1$ .

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According to Dolman's prior invention and the current invention, a buffered second local oscillator signal is output from 2nd LO (33) to be used as a reference for other frequency generation, in particular the transmit offset frequency (according to Dolman's prior application referenced above) and now  
5 also the first local oscillator frequency according to this invention. Since both the TX offset and 1st LO synthesizer PLL circuits are to be colocated in transmit signal generation chip (40) in order to reduce distribution of the second LO signal to a single cross-board connection, it is desirable that the phase comparators of the respective PLLs should pulse at different times separated as far as possible within  
10 some longest common period. This ensures that when one charge-pump phase comparator receives a current pulse from the supply, the other charge pump is in its tristate, that is, a high impedance state or open circuit output, with no current flowing to its respective loop filter. This minimizes the risk of interference from one charge pump to the other. The design and operation of charge pump phase  
15 detectors is described more fully in above-incorporated U.S. Patent No. 5,095,288.

In order to provide the preferred out-of-phase relationship between the charge pumps (43,49), internal frequency plans are sought in which the phase comparison frequency for the TX offset loop is an integer multiple  $M3$  of the  
20 phase comparison frequency for the first LO. Since the second LO frequency is also, according to Dolman's incorporated application, an integer  $M2$  times the TX offset reference, the first LO comparison frequency must now be related to the second LO frequency divided by  $M2.M3$ .

Thus the second LO frequency signal is input from IF chip (30) to TX chip  
25 (40) and divided by integer  $M2$  in a second reference divider (41) to obtain the phase reference to TX offset phase comparator (43) according to Dolman as

$$F_{LO2}/M2 = F_{ref} \cdot N1/(M1.M2)$$

This frequency is then further divided in third reference divider (42) by integer  $M3$  in order to obtain the phase comparison frequency for first LO phase

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comparator (49). Moreover, divider M3 and phase comparator (43) are arranged to respond to opposite edges of the output of divider M2, for example one responding to a rising edge (low voltage or '0' state transitioning to high voltage or '1' state) while the other responds to a falling edge (1 to 0 transition). This  
5 ensures that they respond one half cycle apart in time of their lowest common multiple frequency at the output of divider (41).

The phase comparison rate for charge pump phase comparator (49) is thus

$$F_{\text{ref}} \cdot N1 / (M1 \cdot M2 \cdot M3).$$

This frequency is compared with the 1st LO frequency from first LO (51) divided  
10 down by a factor N3 in third variable divider (48), to produce a frequency and phase error signal from comparator (49) which is filtered in loop filter (52) to obtain a feedback control signal to control oscillator (51) to the desired 1st LO frequency

$$F_{\text{ref}} \cdot N3 \cdot N1 / (M1 \cdot M2 \cdot M3)$$

15 Preferably, N3 is not an integer factor but comprises a whole part and a fractional part, the components (48,49 and 52) of the first LO PLL forming a fractional-N synthesizer according to above-incorporated Patent No. 5,180,993. Optionally, both M3 and N3 can be varied in a pattern generated by a fractional-(N,M) controller according to U.S patent application no. \_\_\_\_\_ entitled "Frequency  
20 Synthesis by Sequential Fraction Approximations" (Dent, filed \_\_\_\_\_) which is hereby incorporated by reference. Both the fractional-N and the fractional-(N,M) techniques have the desirable effect of allowing the 1st LO phase comparison frequency to be higher than the desired tuning step size, thus making it easier for the loop filter (52) to filter out unwanted comparison frequency ripple  
25 while otherwise maintaining a fast control loop response to correct errors.

The transmitter frequency signal, when transmission is required, is generated by transmit frequency oscillator (45). A transmit frequency signal from oscillator (45) is mixed in TX mixer (46) with a first LO signal from first LO (51). The first LO signal preferably comes from receive chip (12) via a single

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cross board connection to minimize RF tracks. A single cross board connection for any of the interchip signals mentioned can nevertheless be a balanced connection comprising two tracks driven in antiphase, as balanced connections to and from RF chips at high frequencies reduce unwanted stray coupling and radiation effects.

TX mixer (46) mixes the transmit frequency and the 1st LO frequency to produce a difference frequency signal at the TX offset frequency  $F_{\text{txoff}}$ . The difference frequency signal output from mixer (46) may be low-pass filtered to ensure the original, higher input frequencies are removed, and then drives second variable divider (47) which divides by a factor  $N2$ . The output signal at frequency  $F_{\text{txoff}}/N2$  is then compared in second phase comparator (43) with the phase reference from divider (41) to produce a frequency and phase error signal. The error signal from comparator (43) is filtered and integrated in loop filter (44) to produce a control signal which controls TX oscillator (45) until the desired TX-offset frequency is accurately achieved. Thus the TX offset frequency is given by

$$F_{\text{txoff}}/N2 = F_{\text{ref}} \cdot N1/(M1 \cdot M2), \text{ or } F_{\text{txoff}} = F_{\text{ref}} \cdot N2 \cdot N1/(M2 \cdot M1)$$

It is possible for the TX offset PLL comprising components (41,43,44,45,46,47) also to be a fractional-N synthesizer, however fractional-N synthesizers are more complex than integer synthesizers and thus it is desired to avoid having more than one in the apparatus. Thus, factor  $N2$  is preferably an integer.

Obtaining the highest possible phase comparison frequencies for phase comparators (31,43,49) is rarely a problem in single-band radios having a single duplex spacing between transmit and receive frequency channels. It is more difficult first in the context of two-band radios that must operate with more than one duplex spacing. Therefore two-band radio designs according to the invention will now be described with the aid of FIGs. 6,7,8 and 9.

A two-band radio according to FIG. 6 would comprise a transmit frequency oscillator (45) for generating transmit frequencies in the lower of the two possible transmit frequency bands, A frequency doubler (45a) is then used to



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double the frequency when operation in the higher of the two frequency bands is desired, the lower and higher bands being approximately one octave apart. An output from the oscillator (45) directly is used to drive the modulator when lower-band operation is required while an output from the doubler (45a) is used when  
 5 operation at the higher band is desired. However, as indicated in FIG. 6, the lower frequency direct from oscillator (45) enters TX mixer (46).

Likewise, first local oscillator (51) operates on a frequency adapted to the lower of the two-possible receive frequency bands to convert received signals to the desired first Intermediate Frequency; the signal from first LO (51) is doubled  
 10 in frequency using doubler (51a) when operation in the higher of the two receive frequency bands is desired, the LO frequency for the higher band being approximately an octave higher than that for the lower band. This approximation can be manipulated to be a close approximation by suitable choice of the first Intermediate frequency and by suitable choice of either high-side or low-side  
 15 mixing in front-end chip (12).

For example, for low-band receive operation, we have

$$\begin{aligned} F_{lo1}(lo) &= F_{rx}(lo) + F_{if1} && \text{for high-side mixing or} \\ F_{lo1}(lo) &= F_{rx}(lo) - F_{if1} && \text{for low side mixing, where} \end{aligned}$$

$F_{lo1}(lo)$  is the low-band first LO frequency,  
 20  $F_{rx}(lo)$  is the low-band receive channel frequency and  
 $F_{if1}$  is the chosen first intermediate frequency.

Likewise  $F_{lo1}(hi) = F_{rx}(hi) + F_{if1}$  for high-side mixing or  
 $F_{lo1}(hi) = F_{rx}(hi) - F_{if1}$  for low side mixing, where

$F_{lo1}(hi)$  is the high-band first LO frequency,  
 25  $F_{rx}(hi)$  is the high-band receive channel frequency and  
 $F_{if1}$  is the same chosen first intermediate frequency as for low-band.

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Thus, for  $F_{lo1}(hi)$  to be twice  $F_{lo1}(lo)$ , we have

$$F_{rx}(hi) \pm F_{ifn} = 2 (F_{rx}(lo) \pm F_{ifn})$$

giving  $F_{ifn} = F_{rx}(hi) - 2F_{rx}(lo)$  (for both optional signs '+' ) ....(1)

or  $F_{ifn} = (F_{rx}(hi) - F_{rx}(lo))/3$  ('-' in high band and 1+1 in low)..(2)

5 or  $F_{ifn} = 2F_{rx}(lo) - F_{rx}(hi)$  (for both optional signs

or  $F_{ifn} = (2F_{rx}(lo) - F_{rx}(hi))/3$  ('+' in high band and 1-1 in low)

The latter two equations give negative results which is impossible. A possible alternative is to make the first Lo range at high band triple the first LO range at low band, giving

10  $F_{ifn} = (3F_{rx}(lo) - F_{rx}(hi))/2$  (for both optional signs '-' ) ....(3)

$F_{ifn} = (3F_{rx}(lo) - F_{rx}(hi))/4$  (for '+' in high band and in low) ....(4)

Examples of preferred internal frequency plans for a radio according to FIGs. 4 and 5, operating according to the IS54 "D-AMPS" single-band standard, will now be described. A search of frequency plans giving the highest possible phase  
15 comparison frequencies at phase comparators (31,43 and 49) yielded, among others, the results:

| 1 <sup>ST</sup> IF | 2 <sup>ND</sup> LO | TXOFFSET | M1 | N1 | M2 | N2 | M3 | 1 <sup>ST</sup> LO | FRAC-N | MODULUS |
|--------------------|--------------------|----------|----|----|----|----|----|--------------------|--------|---------|
| 101.64             | 101.52             | 146.64   | 9  | 47 | 9  | 13 | 47 |                    | 8      |         |

The above results provide phase comparison frequencies of

20  $F_{xial}/M1 = 19.44/9 = 2.16\text{MHz}$  for 2nd LO phase comparator (31);

$F_{lo2}/M2 = 101.52/9 = 11.28\text{MHz}$  for TX offset phase comparator (43), and

$F_{lo2}/(M2.M3) = 11.28/47 = 240\text{KHz}$  for 1st LO phase comparator (49).

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The first LO tuning steps are reduced from the above 240KHz to 30KHz by employing a fractional-N divider for N3 giving steps of 1/8th, i.e. the fractional-N modulus is 8.

- 5 The above solution provides a high TX offset phase comparison frequency of 11.28MHz. Other criteria might be to obtain the highest 2nd LO phase comparison frequency. An alternative result for which the 2nd LO is just a harmonic of the crystal is for example:

| 1 <sup>ST</sup> IF | 2 <sup>ND</sup> LO | TXOFFSET | M1 | N1 | M2  | N2  | M3 | 1 <sup>ST</sup> LO | FRAC-N | MODULUS |
|--------------------|--------------------|----------|----|----|-----|-----|----|--------------------|--------|---------|
| 116.76             | 116.64             | 161.76   | 1  | 6  | 243 | 337 | 1  |                    |        | 16      |

- 10 The above values result in a 2nd LO phase comparison frequency of 19.44MHz at phase comparator (33), and divider (35) is not necessary because M1=1. The transmit offset and first LO phase comparators (43,49) both operate at 480KHz, and divider (42) may be omitted as M3=1. The first LO tuning steps are reduced from 480KHz to 30KHz by employing a modulus 16 fractional-N divider (48)
- 15 allowing N3 to be varied in steps of 1/16th.

- Attention is now turned to dual-band radios with internal frequency reference distribution according to FIG. 6. The above two exemplary solutions were illustrated because they are also compatible with a dual-band radio operating according to the dual-band D-AMPS standard IS136. Solutions for dual-band
- 20 radios are given in the tables below for cases where the first local oscillator is on the high side for 800MHz band operation and on the low side for 1900MHz band operation, and the second IF is fixed at 120KHz.

- Table 1 illustrates solutions in which the 2nd LO is a harmonic of the crystal, that is the second LO has the highest possible phase comparison
- 25 frequency, M1 being equal to unity.

TABLE 1: Dual band 800(1900) solutions with 2nd LO a crystal harmonic

| 1st IF | 2nd LO  | TX OFFSET      | M1 | N1 | M2       | N2      | M3         | 1st LO modulus |
|--------|---------|----------------|----|----|----------|---------|------------|----------------|
| 116.76 | 116.64  | 161.76(36.72)  | 1  | 6  | 243(54)  | 337(17) | 1 (9 or 3) | 16 (8 or 24)   |
| 155.64 | 155.52  | 200.64(75.6)   | 1  | 8  | 162(72)  | 209(35) | 1 (9 or 3) | 32 (8 or 24)   |
| 194.52 | 194.4   | 239.52(114.48) | 1  | 10 | 405(90)  | 499(53) | 1 (9 or 3) | 16 (8 or 24)   |
| 233.4  | 1233.28 | 278.4(153.36)  | 1  | 12 | 243(108) | 290(71) | 1 (9 or 3) | 32 (8 or 24)   |

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When using the figures in table 1 above to determine the phase detector comparison frequencies for TX offset phase comparator (43), it must be taken into account that the arrangement in FIG. 6 controls the TX oscillator (S1) frequency BEFORE doubling to 1900MHz in doubler (51a).

Therefore, phase comparator (43) must operate at half the frequency provided by divider (41) and the indicated value of M2.

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Thus, either phase comparator (43) must contain a further divide by two circuit to halve the frequency from divider (41) when operating in the 1900MHz band, or else the value of M2 for 1900MHz must be doubled.

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In the latter case, the value of M3 for 1900MHz operation must be halved (which is impossible as M3 is always odd at 1900MHz), or else the fractional modulus for 1900MHz operation must be halved. The latter is preferable and so the preferred fractional-modulus at 1900 MHz is 4 or 12 combined with an M2 value double that shown in table 1 for 1900MHz operation. The TX offset phase comparison frequency at phase comparator (43) is thus 1080KHz for 1900MHz operation and not 2160KHz as would be obtained by dividing the second LO frequency in table 1 by the indicated values of M2.

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Furthermore, note that in FIG. 6 it is always the doubled frequency from doubler (S1a) that is fed to fractional-N first-LO synthesizer loop beginning with variable divider (48) for N3. Since the frequency used for the receiver mixer during 800MHz band operation is half of the synthesized frequency, the synthesizer need only provide 60KHz steps in order to tune the receiver in 30KHz

steps. Thus the fractional-N modulus shown in table 1 for 800MHz operation may be halved.

It may be desirable to operate in both bands using the same fractional-N modulus, and this may always be accomplished by use of a modulus which is the  
5 lowest common multiple of the 800MHz and 1900MHz moduli, accepting that the frequency steps in one or both bands may then be finer than needed, it being acceptable to exceed the required frequency resolution.

The above issues are one motivation for considering frequency halving circuits (45b,51b) in FIG. 7 as opposed to frequency doubling circuits (45a,51a)  
10 of FIG. 6. Another motivation is that phase noise is doubled by frequency doubling circuits but halved by frequency halving circuits. Thus there is an expectation of lower unwanted phase noise and ripple when using frequency halving circuits. Yet another motivation is that a frequency doubling circuit requires a filter to remove unwanted leakage of the fundamental, as well as other  
15 unwanted higher harmonics; the output of a frequency divide-by-2 circuit is however relatively free of other unwanted spectral components.

Referring now to FIG. 7, it is seen that it is the non-divided output of oscillator (51) which is fed to the TX offset synthesizer loop beginning with mixer (46). Therefore the phase comparator for 800MHz band operation must operate at  
20 double the frequency implied by table 1, i.e. the value of M2 must be halved, alternatively the value of N2 must be double that shown in table 1 for 800MHz operation. The former is not possible for cases where M2 is odd, but is possible when the first IF is 155.64MHz and  $M2 = 162$ . Thus, when table 1 is applied to FIG. 7, the values of N2 for 800MHz should be doubled except in the case of first  
25 IF = 155.64MHz, in which case a better option is to halve M2 to 81; then it is necessary to double the value of M3 (to two) for 800MHz operation in order to maintain the same 1st LO phase comparison frequency at phase comparator (49), alternatively to increase the fractional-N modulus from 32 to 64. On the other hand, since the frequency of oscillator (51) is halved before use in the receiver for

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800MHz operation, it is sufficient that oscillator (51) be tuned in 60KHz steps, allowing the fractional-N modulus to be halved again back to 32.

The above considerations with respect to FIG. 7 also apply to the arrangement of FIGs. 8 and 9, in which the TX frequency signal and the first LO  
5 are always controlled at the higher frequency and halved for 800MHz use.

In choosing between the implementations of FIGs. 6,7,8 and 9, another motivation is power consumption. In FIG. 6, the x2 circuit 51a must be powered up during 800MHz band receive operation, which has most impact on standby time before the battery must be replenished. Still, the x2 circuit 45a need only be  
10 powered up for 1900MHz transmission, thus saving power in 800MHz band transmission. In FIG. 7, divider 51b need only be powered up for 800MHz reception, and may be powered down for 1900MHz reception. Divide by 2 circuit 45b likewise need only be powered up for 800MHz transmission and is not needed for 1900MHz transmission.

15 In FIG. 8, x2 circuit 45a must be powered up for transmission in either frequency band, but this is of little consequence as the power amplifier (13) dominates transmit power consumption. Divide by 2 circuit 51b may be powered down during 1900MHz receive. In FIGs. 6 and 9, x2 circuit 51a must always be powered up for reception in either frequency band. Therefore this is not as  
20 desirable for standby battery life at 1900MHz as FIGs. 7 or 8.

1900MHz D-AMPS operation uses TDMA, which affords much longer standby times due to a low receive duty factor. 800MHz operation however includes the analog FM AMPS mode, in which receive standby duty factor is longer. The 800MHz AMPS operation is therefore the limiting factor for battery  
25 life and we are therefore led to consider FIG. 10, in which the first LO is always controlled at the lower frequency, allowing doubler 51A to be powered down during 800MHz reception.

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Referring to FIG. 10, the first LO is always controlled at the lower frequency, i.e. before doubling. This allows doubler 51a to be powered down in 800MHz operation. A disadvantage, however, is that the oscillator 51 must be tuned in 15KHz steps in order to provide 30KHz steps at 1900MHz, requiring the fractional-N modulus to be doubled, which is undesirable. Taking into account that a divide-by-2 circuit in present semiconductor technology consumes very little power, and likely less than a frequency doubler circuit, together with the other advantages outlined above for frequency halving rather than frequency doubling, FIG. 7 is likely to be the best practical implementation.

The above Table 1 listed solutions for which the second LO was a harmonic of the crystal, giving the lowest value of unity for divider (35). Table 2 lists solutions in which 2nd LO phase comparator (31) operates at 6.48MHz, which is the crystal frequency divided by 3 ( $M1=3$ ).

TABLE 2: Dual band 800(1900) with 2nd LO a multiple of crystal/3

| 1st IF  | 2nd LO | TX OFFSET      | M1 | N1 | M2       | N2      | M3         | 1st LO modulus |
|---------|--------|----------------|----|----|----------|---------|------------|----------------|
| 90.84   | 90.72  | 135.84(10.8)   | 3  | 14 | 189(42)  | 283(5)  | 1 (9 or 3) | 16 (8 or 24)   |
| 103.8   | 103.68 | 148.8(23.76)   | 3  | 16 | 108(48)  | 155(11) | 1 (9 or 3) | 32 (7 or 24)   |
| 129.72  | 129.6  | 174.72(49.68)  | 3  | 20 | 1135(60) | 182(23) | 1 (9 or 3) | 32 (8 or 24)   |
| 142.68  | 142.56 | 187.68(62.64)  | 3  | 22 | 297(66)  | 391(29) | 1 (9 or 3) | 16 (8 or 24)   |
| 168.6   | 168.48 | 213.6(88.56)   | 3  | 26 | 351(78)  | 445(41) | 1 (9 or 3) | 16 (8 or 24)   |
| 1181.56 | 181.44 | 226.56(101.52) | 3  | 28 | 189(84)  | 236(47) | 1 (9 or 3) | 32 (8 or 24)   |
| 207.48  | 207.36 | 252.48(127.44) | 3  | 32 | 216(96)  | 263(59) | 1 (9 or 3) | 32 (8 or 24)   |
| 220.44  | 220.32 | 265.44(140.4)  | 3  | 34 | 459(102) | 553(65) | 1 (9 or 3) | 16 (8 or 24)   |

There are also many solutions with the 2nd local oscillator a multiple of 2.16MHz (crystal/9, i.e.  $M1=9$ ), or 720KHz (crystal/27 or  $M1=27$ ), and at least one solution with  $M1=6$ . Table 3 below only lists other solutions that have particularly interesting characteristics such as high comparison frequencies for TX offset comparator (43) in either 800MHz or 1900MHz operation.

TABLE 3: Other solutions of particular interest

| 1st IF | 2nd LO | TX OFFSET      | M1 | N1  | M2      | N2     | M3             | 1st LO modulus |
|--------|--------|----------------|----|-----|---------|--------|----------------|----------------|
| 152.4  | 152.28 | 197.4(72.36)   | 6  | 47  | 27(141) | 35(67) | 47(3)          | 4(12)          |
| 101.64 | 101.52 | 146.64(21.6)   | 9  | 47  | 9(47)   | 13(10) | 47 (9 or 3)    | 8 (8 or 24)    |
| 159.96 | 159.84 | 204.96(79.92)  | 9  | 74  | 333(2)  | 427(1) | 1 (333 or 111) | 16(8 or 24)    |
| 203.16 | 203.04 | 248.16(123.12) | 9  | 94  | 9(94)   | 11(57) | 47 (9 or 3)    | 16 (8 or 24)   |
| 106.68 | 106.56 | 151.68(26.64)  | 27 | 148 | 111(4)  | 158(1) | 1 (111 or 37)  | 32 (8 or 24)   |
| 213.24 | 213.12 | 258.24(133.2)  | 27 | 296 | 222(8)  | 269(5) | 1 (111 or 37)  | 32 (8 or 24)   |

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The above solutions are remarkable for their relatively low values of (M2,N2) in one or other frequency band, giving very high TX offset phase comparison frequencies in those cases.

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As described above, it is of interest that the first local oscillator in the higher frequency range should tune over a range approximately equal to twice the range of frequencies needed for operation in the lower band.

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The receive frequency range for the 800MHz cellular band is 869.04 to 893.97MHz, while the receive frequency range of the 1900MHz PCS bands is 1930.08 to 1990.08MHz. Substituting into equations (1),(2),(3) and (4) above gives desirable first intermediate frequencies of 192MHz, 64MHz, 338.52MHz and 169.26MHz respectively. The 64MHZ IF is too low to provide sufficient image rejection when operating over the 60MHz wide 1900MHz receive band. The 338.52MHz IF is difficult to choose because of the unavailability of SAW or crystal filters with a 30KHz bandwidth at that frequency. The solution of equation (1) or equation (4) is therefore preferred.

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All the above solutions in tables 1 - 3 were for 1st LO high at 800MHz and low at 1900MHz, i.e. for the solution of equation (2). These can be employed providing the range of the local oscillator (51) is band-switched between 800MHz and 1900MHz operation. It can be undesirable to attempt to cover in one band the entire tuning range that would be required for operation at both 800 and 1900MHz.

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A search for solutions for the case of equation (1) yielded the following result with the closest first IF to 192MHz:

|    |  |           |                               |                |
|----|--|-----------|-------------------------------|----------------|
|    | 1st IF   | 189.96MHz |                               |                |
|    | 2nd Lo   | 190.08MHz | = 88/9 x the 19.44MHz crystal | (N1=88, M1= 9) |
| 5  | TX offset (800MHz)   | 234.96MHz | = 89/72 x 2nd LO              | (N2=89, M2=72) |
|    | TX offset (1900MHz)  | 270.00MHz | = 125/88 x 2nd LO             | (N2=125,M2=88) |
|    | TX offset comparison frequency AT 800MHz = 2640KHz                   |           |                               |                |
|    | (actually 5280KHz for the arrangement of figure 7, with N2=89,M2=36) |           |                               |                |
|    | TX offset comparison frequency at 1900MHz = 2160KHz                  |           |                               |                |
| 10 | 2nd LO comparison frequency = 2160KHz                                |           |                               |                |
|    | Possible 1st LO fractional-N moduli: 1,2,4,8,11,22,44 or 88          |           | 800MHz)                       |                |
|    | and: 1,2,3,4,6,8,9,12,18,24,36 or 72                                 |           | (1900MHz)                     |                |

The first LO phase comparison frequency is for example 240KHz if a fractional-N modulus of 8 is selected for both bands.

- 15 Alternatively, a fractional-N modulus of 24 may be selected to give 720KHz phase comparison frequency at 1900MHz, but the phase comparison frequency will still be 240KHz at 800MHz. The tuning step size at 800MHz will be 10KHz with the same modulus of 24, or even 5KHz for the arrangement of FIG. 7. This is finer than the 30KHz needed, but is acceptable. 240KHz is an
- 20 adequate comparison frequency for 800MHz operation, and the higher comparison rate of 720KHz is desirable for 1900MHz operation where the oscillator phase noise is double that at 800MHz.

- A solution in accordance with equation (4) assumes division of the high-band first local oscillator frequency by 3 for 800MHz operation. In other words,
- 25 the divider (51b) of FIG. 7 must be changed from a divide-by-2 to a divide-by-3 circuit. It is also necessary then to change divider 45b to a divide by 3 circuit, in order for the transmit frequency steps at 800MHz to be correct. This solution is

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not investigated further here, as it is not preferred for a dual-band IS136 cellular phone, and in any case is an obvious extension of the disclosed methods.

The invention can be used for dual-band/dual-mode radio telephones in which compatibility with AMPS and IS54 (DAMPS) is desired in the 800MHz  
5 band together with compatibility with the PCS1900 (GSM-based) standard.

The problem to be solved is that a radio is normally designed for D-AMPS operation based upon the use of a 19.44MHz crystal as the most convenient common multiple of the 24.3KS/S transmission symbol rate, the 30KHz channel spacing and the 8KS/S voice digitization. On the other hand, a radio is normally  
10 designed for GSM, DCS1800 or PCS1900 operation based upon a 13MHz crystal, which is the lowest common multiple of the transmission bitrate of 270.833KB/S (13MHz/48), the channel spacing of 200KHz (13MHz/65) and the 8KS/S voice digitization rate. This makes it difficult to merely integrate a radio of one design with a radio of the other design, due to the increase in parts count. Therefore it is  
15 desired to find internal frequency plans that allow components to be designed that can operate from either crystal frequency, and as another objective it is desired to find reference frequency distribution schemes that will allow operation with the same crystal reference frequency in any of an AMPS mode at 800MHz, a D-AMPS mode at 800 or 1900MHz or a PCS1900 mode at 1900MHz.

20 FIG. 12 illustrates a solution using both a 13MHz and a 19.44MHz crystal connected to reference oscillator (21), only one of which however is activated at a time via a "select crystal" control signal from digital logic (20).

A single intermediate frequency amplifier chip comprise a dual-crystal reference oscillator (21), second LO and its control PLL (17) and a dual-  
25 bandwidth second IF amplifier and second mixer (16). The reference oscillator operates in one mode at 13MHz and the second LO is then controlled to 12 x 13MHz. Alternatively, in a second mode, the reference oscillator operates at 19.44MHz and the second LO is controlled to, for example, 155.52MHz, which is

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sufficiently close to 156MHz that the same oscillator can be used, while also being a multiple of 19.44MHz ( eight times 19.44MHz).

The IF amplifier chip receives a downconverted signal from front end chip (12) which is filtered either using Wideband IF filter (15 WB) or Narrowband IF filter (15 NB). The filter center frequency in the wideband mode is 150MHz, which mixes with the 2nd LO of 156MHz in that mode to produce a second IF of 6MHz, which is fed to digital signal processing (20) along with the RSSI signal. The narrowband first IF filter operates at a center frequency of 120KHz higher than the second LO of 155.52, that is at 155.64MHz, giving a second IF in the narrowband mode of 120KHz, which is then fed to the signal processing chip (20). The second IF signal at either 120KHz in the narrowband mode or 6MHz in the wideband mode is preferably further filtered in IF amplifier (16) using second IF filters (not shown). In one implementation, the 120KHz second IF filters are integrated active bandpass filters having a passbandwidth of approximately 30KHz, and are fabricated as part of IF amplifier chip (16,17,21). The 6MHz 2nd IF filtering is performed by external ceramic filters (not shown) of approximately 170KHz bandwidth, as used for TV sound IF stages.

When operating in the narrowband AMPS mode at 800MHz, the duplex spacing is 45MHz and so the transmitter frequency is  $45 + 155.64\text{MHz}$  below the first LO. The TX offset would therefore be 200.64MHz. However, as shown in FIG. 13, the TX mixer (46) mixes transmit and receiver oscillators (45,51) at double the 800MHz frequency, and so produces an offset of 401.28MHz. This has a highest common factor of 1920KHz with the second LO of 155.52MHz, so divider (47) divides the TX offset from TX mixer (46) by a first integer N2 to obtain a first 1920KHz signal, and divider (41) divides the second LO from IF chip (30) by and integer M2=81 to produce a second 1920KHz signal. The two 1920KHz signals are compared in transmit phase comparator (43) to produce an error signal. The error signal is filtered and integrated in loop filter (44) to produce a control signal for TX oscillator (45) to maintain it at the desired

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frequency, which, when halved in divider (45b), is the desired 800MHz transmit frequency.

This frequency plan at 800MHz may also be used for the D-AMPS mode in the 800MHz band. For operating in the D-AMPS mode at 1900MHz, the  
5 duplex spacing is 80.04MHz, so that the transmit offset is  $80.04 + 155.64\text{MHz} = 235.68\text{MHz}$ . This is not simply related to second LO frequency of 155.52MHz; however, since only time-duplex modes are used at 1900MHz such that transmission and reception occur in different timeslots and not simultaneously, the first local oscillator may be sidestepped by the relatively small amount of 240KHz  
10 between transmit and receive so that a TX offset of 235.44MHz may be used instead of 235.68MHz.

The slightly modified TX offset of 235.44MHz shares a common factor of 2160KHz with the second LO of 155.52 MHz. Thus in the 1900MHz D-AMPS mode, divider (47) divides by an integer N2 reprogrammed to divide 235.44MHz  
15 to 2160KHz, while divider (41) is reprogrammed to divide by an M2 of 72 to obtain 2160KHz, the phase comparator (43) now comparing signals at 2160KHz instead of 1920KHz.

Finally, to obtain the PCS1900 mode, where the duplex offset is 80MHz, the transmit offset is  $80 + 150\text{MHz}$ , as the first IF is 150MHz in that mode. The  
20 230MHz TX offset shares a common divisor of 2MHz with the second LO that is now 156MHz. This mode is also time duplex, and the first LO could be sidestepped to modify the TX offset from 230MHz to for example 234MHz, which has the much larger common factor of 78MHz with the 2nd LO of 156MHz. Nevertheless, it may be advantageous to keep a phase comparison  
25 frequency of 2MHz, which makes all phase comparison frequencies (1920, 2160 and 2000KHz) sufficiently close to facilitate the use of a common loop filter (44) and phase comparator (43). Otherwise, if desired to take advantage of a larger common factor such as 78MHz, a different loop filter and even phase comparator may become necessary to provide the desired closed loop characteristics of

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stability and lock-in time. Thus the arrangement of FIG. 13 has deliberately aimed to maintain roughly the same TX offset loop operational characteristics of loop-bandwidth and lock-in time in all bands and modes.

The dual-mode, dual-band transmitter-receiver of FIGs. 12 and 13 assumes  
5 a double superheterodyne receiver is used in all modes. In the narrowband AMPS and D-AMPS modes, the second intermediate frequency is 120KHz and the second IF filters are integrated, on-chip, active filters; in the wideband PCS1900 modes, which can include all GSM voice and data modes, satellite communication modes and GPRS packet data modes, the second IF is 6MHz, and the second IF filters  
10 are more difficult to integrate at that frequency. An alternative receiver architecture for the wideband mode is shown in FIG. 14, in which the second IF in the wideband mode is zero frequency, otherwise known as an "IF Homodyne", as opposed to an RF Homodyne, which converts directly from the frequency received at the antenna to zero frequency in one conversion step. The receiver of  
15 FIG. 14 converts from the frequency received at the antenna to zero frequency in two steps, the first step converting to a first Intermediate Frequency of 156MHz and the second step converting from 156MHz to zero frequency by mixing with the 156MHz local oscillator. Since the first IF in FIG. 14 is now 156MHz as opposed to the 150MHz of FIGs. 12 and 13, the TX offset for 1900MHz is now  
20  $156 + 80 = 236\text{MHz}$ , which still shares a common factor of 2MHz with the 156MHz local oscillator. Thus the only change to FIG. 13 is that the value of N2 for PCS1900 operation would change from  $230/2 = 115$  to  $236/2 = 118$ . If desired, a higher common factor of 4MHz could be used by changing N2 to  $236/4 = 59$  and M2 from 78 to 39, and M3 from 2 to 4 (or alternatively changing the  
25 fractional-N modulus of N3 to accept a higher reference frequency for third phase comparator (49).

The implementations of FIGs. 12, 13 and 14 use two different reference crystals, although only one is active at any time. Nevertheless this adds the complication that both crystals must be independently temperature compensated,

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as every crystal has different individual temperature compensation needs.

Temperature compensation is carried out by a "self-learning" technique, whereby the receiver locks to a base station signal and then uses the base station signal frequency as a basis for correcting crystal error. The prevailing temperature is measured using a thermistor, and the correction applied to the crystal is stored in a table against the prevailing temperature in microprocessor memory in digital signal processor (20).

To simplify the temperature compensation as well as eliminating the cost and board area associated with a second crystal, it is therefore of interest to consider the solutions of FIGs. 15 and 16 using a single crystal. The solution of FIG. 15 is to choose a compromise crystal frequency of 19.5MHz. This is 1.5 times the 13MHz from which PCS1900 bitrates are derived, and the bitrate is still derivable as 19.5MHz/72 as opposed to 13MHz/48. 19.5MHz is also close to the 19.44MHz needed for D-AMPS modes, from which the symbol rate of 24.3KS/S is derived by dividing by 800. When 19.5MHz is used, the error is 0.3%, which would cause a timing drift in the transmitted symbol stream of exactly half a symbol period during transmission of a TDMA burst of 6.667mS or 162 symbols duration. In principle, such an error is no greater than must in any case be anticipated by the receiver due to multipath propagation causing transmission path delay variations of up to one symbol. Nevertheless it is desirable to correct the transmitted signal so that its errors do not compound the imperfections introduced by the propagation path. To a first approximation, the symbol rate error can be reduced by dividing the crystal frequency by 802 to obtain the symbol rate with a residual error of 0.0585%, giving a timing drift of less than one tenth of a symbol over a 162-symbol burst duration. A further refinement can be made by means of a skip-counter, which divides sometimes by 802 and sometimes by 803 in order to create a more accurate approximation to the 24.3KS/S symbol rate. However, in one implementation, the 24.3KS/S modulation is generated digitally at the rate of 8 samples per bit. Several samples per bit are used to represent the curved

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waveform of a symbol stream that has been filtered using a root-raised-cosine filter frequency response. Thus it is really desired to create an accurate approximation to 8 times the symbol rate, or 194.4 kilosamples per second, by dividing the crystal frequency sometimes by 100 and sometimes by 101. The number of times N1 division by 100 occurs and the number of times N2 that division by 101 occurs will now be derived.

The D-AMPS frame repetition period of 20mS represents 390,000 cycles of a 19.5MHz clock as opposed to 388,800 cycles of a 19.44MHz clock.

A timing generator is thus programmed to divide by 390,000 when a 19.5MHz clock is used as opposed to 388,800 when a 19.44MHz clock is used, in order to create the 20mS repetition period. The D-AMPS TDMA frame is divided into 3 timeslots, and one timeslot is thus 130,000 cycles of a 19.5MHz clock in duration as opposed to 129,600 cycles of a 19.44MHz clock. The first equation for N1 and N2 is therefore that

$$100.N1 + 101.N2 = 130,000$$

In addition, the total number of 1/8th symbol sample periods to be created is  $8 \times 162 = 1296$  as before, so the second equation for N1 and N2 is

$$N1 + N2 = 1296$$

Solving these equations gives  $N2 = 400$ ,  $N1 = 896$ .

Thus a skip counter is programmed to divide by 100 a total of 896 times interspersed with dividing by 101 a total of 400 times, creating a total of 1296 1/8th symbol periods with no timing error greater than of the order of half a clock period of the 19.5MHz clock, or 25 nanoseconds. FIG. 20 shows a skip counter design accomplishing the above. A divider (100) is configured to divide either by 100 or by 101 according to a control input from accumulator (101), so that successive output pulses from the divider (100) will be spaced by either 100 cycles of the 19.5MHz clock or by 101 cycles. The accumulator (101) is configured as a modulo-81 accumulator, which means that if after adding an increment, the value in the accumulator is equal to or greater than 81, then 81 is subtracted from the

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accumulator value and an overflow or carry pulse is generated. The carry pulse output from accumulator (101) is used to cause divider (100) to divide by 101.

If no carry is generated by accumulator (101) upon being caused to increment by the last divider (100) output pulse, then divider (100) counts 100  
5 cycles of the 19.5MHZ clock input to produce the next output sample rate pulse. Else, if upon the last divider output pulse causing the accumulator to increment and overflow, then the accumulator carry output fed back to divider (100) causes the divider to count 101 cycles of the 19.5MHz clock input before producing the next divider output sample rate pulse.

10 By setting the accumulator increment equal to 25, the accumulator produces a carry pulse 25/81ths of the time, which is equal to 400/1296ths of the time, this being the proportion of divide-by-101's calculated above needed to produce the exact number 1296 of 8 x symbol rate pulses in a D-AMPS timeslot. ✓

FIG. 16 shows the internal frequency plan using a 19.5MHz crystal. The  
15 first IF in D-AMPS mode is changed to 154.32MHz to give high phase comparator frequencies of 1320KHz and 1080KHz for transmit phase comparator (43) in 800 and 1900MHz operation respectively, while also giving a high comparison frequency of 780KHz at 2nd LO phase comparator (31).

Yet another implementation of the invention is shown in FIG. 17, this time  
20 using a 13MHz crystal to derive all radio oscillator frequencies, and a 19.44MHz crystal connected to digital chip (20) only to derive bit and digital sampling rates for the AMPS and D-AMPS modes. The frequency plan for this case is shown in FIG. 18, in which substantially the only difference from FIG. 16 is that the second LO phase comparator now operates at 520KHz.

25 In both FIG. 16 and FIG. 18, the main receiver synthesizer (the first LO) operates as a fractional-N synthesizer with a modulus of 5 (optionally 10 or 20) in PCS1900 mode, and 12 in AMPS and D-AMPS modes.



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It is possible to eliminate the 19.44MHz crystal used only for generating digital clocks by using the arrangement of FIG. 19, in which the digital chip (20) creates its own 19.44MHz clock by means of an internal PLL when needed. To facilitate this, dividers (41) and (42) are split into two dividers (41a,41b) and (42a,42b). Divider 41a divides the 2ND LO frequency of 154.44MHz by 117 in D-AMPS mode at 800MHz to obtain 1320KHz at which the transmit phase comparator (43) operates. Selector switch 41c is operated to select the output of divider 41a in this mode. During this mode, divider 41b operates simultaneously, dividing by 11 to provide a 14.040 MHz output to the digital chip (20). This frequency shares a common factor of 1080KHz with the 19.44MHz generated on the digital chip (20) by means of a local PLL when needed. Divider (42a) operates at this time to divide the operation frequency of phase comparator (43) by a further factor of 2 to obtain 660KHz, which is used along with a modulus-11 fractional-N divider (43) to provide 60KHz steps of oscillator (51), which provides 30KHz steps after division by 2 for 800MHz AMPS or D-AMPS operation. For 1900MHz D-AMPS operation switch 41c selects instead the output of divider (42b) which is 14.04MHz divided by 13, that is 1080KHz. This is the desired frequency to provide the duplex offset of 80.04MHz at 1900MHz compared to 45MHz at 800MHz. The selected 1080KHz for phase comparator (43) is then further divided by 3 in divider (42a) reprogrammed to divide by 3, giving a 360KHz phase comparison frequency for phase comparator (49), which, together with the use now of a fractional-N modulus of 12 for divider (48), gives 30KHz tuning steps for oscillator (51) during D-AMPS operation at 1900MHz. For PCS1900 operation, divider (41b) is programmed to divide by 12, dividing the second LO of now 156MHz to provide a 13MHz clock output to the digital chip (20). The 13MHz is divided by 13 in divider (42b) to 1MHz, which is the operating frequency of phase detectors (43,48). Divider (42a) is thus programmed to make  $M3=1$ . Using a fractional-N modulus of 5 for divider (48) provides the desired 200KHz steps in this mode.

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It has thus been shown above that the invention permits the construction of dual-band, dual-mode transceivers using either a single crystal reference or two crystals in a variety of ways to derive alternative symbol rates of 270.833KB/S and 24.3KS/S, alternative channel spacings of 30KHz or 200KHz, and transmit-  
5 receive duplex spacings of 45MHz, 80.04MHz or 80.00MHz.

Moreover, this flexibility is achieved with an improved architecture as compared with the prior art, allowing the radio hardware to be reduced to essentially three integrated circuit chips having a reduced number of RF interconnections there between, thus minimizing risks of internal interference and  
10 reducing power consumption.

The invention may be useful in contexts other than cellular radio, whenever it is inconvenient to derive all clock frequencies and radio frequencies that have to be synthesized directly from a common reference crystal oscillator. The invention may be adapted by a person skilled in the art using the above  
15 teachings while remaining within the spirit and scope of the invention as described by the following claims.

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**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A radio transmitting and receiving apparatus for generating a signal for transmission on a transmit frequency and for receiving a signal on a receive frequency, comprising:

- 5           -a first downconverter for mixing the received signal with a first local oscillator frequency signal and generating a first intermediate frequency signal;
- a second downconverter for mixing the first intermediate frequency signal with a second local oscillator frequency signal and generating a second intermediate frequency;
- 10           -second local oscillator means for generating a local oscillator signal having an accurate frequency determined by a quartz crystal resonator;
- first local oscillator frequency synthesizer means having a first input for the second local oscillator frequency signal and a second input for the first local oscillator frequency signal and in dependence thereon producing a control signal
- 15           to control the first local oscillator to produce the desired first local oscillator frequency signal; and
- transmit signal generator means for producing a signal at the transmit frequency, the signal generator having a first input for the second local oscillator signal and a second input for the first local oscillator signal and producing the
- 20           transmit frequency signal in dependence thereon.

2. A radio transmitting and receiving apparatus for generating a signal for transmission on a transmit frequency and for receiving a signal on a receive frequency, comprising:

- 25           -a first downconverter for mixing said received signal with a first local oscillator frequency signal and converting it to a first intermediate frequency signal;

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-a second downconverter for mixing said first intermediate frequency signal with a second local oscillator frequency signal and downconverting it to a second intermediate frequency;

5        -reference crystal oscillator means for providing an accurate reference frequency signal;

10       -second local oscillator frequency synthesizer means having a first input for said second local oscillator frequency signal and a second input for said reference frequency signal and producing in dependence thereon a control signal to control said second local oscillator to produce the desired second local oscillator frequency signal;

15       -first local oscillator frequency synthesizer means having a first input for said second local oscillator frequency signal and a second input for said first local oscillator frequency signal and in dependence thereon producing a control signal to control said first local oscillator to produce the desired first local oscillator frequency signal;

-transmit signal generator means for producing a signal at said transmit frequency, said signal generator having a first input for said second local oscillator signal and a second input for said first local oscillator signal and producing said transmit frequency signal in dependence thereon.

20       3.       The apparatus of claim 1 in which the transmit signal generator further comprises:

-transmit oscillator means for generating the transmit frequency signal;

-modulator means for modulating the transmit frequency signal to produce the signal for transmission;

25       -transmit downconverter means for mixing the transmit frequency signal with the first local oscillator signal to produce a transmit offset frequency signal;

-transmit offset synthesizer means having a first input for the transmit offset frequency signal and a second input for the second local oscillator frequency

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signal and in dependence thereon producing a control signal for the transmit oscillator means to control the transmit frequency signal accurately to the transmit frequency.

4. The apparatus of claim 2 in which said transmit signal generator  
5 further comprises:
- transmit oscillator means for generating said transmit frequency signal;
  - modulator means for modulating said transmit frequency signal to produce said signal for transmission;
  - transmit downconverter means for mixing said transmit frequency signal  
10 with said first local oscillator signal to produce a transmit offset frequency signal;
  - transmit offset synthesizer means having a first input for said transmit offset frequency signal and a second input for said second local oscillator frequency signal and in dependence thereon producing a control signal for said transmit oscillator means to control said transmit frequency signal accurately to  
15 said transmit frequency.

5. The apparatus of claim 1 in which the first local oscillator synthesizer means is a fractional-N synthesizer.

6. A radio transmitting and receiving apparatus for generating a signal for transmission on a transmit frequency and for receiving a signal on a receive  
20 frequency, comprising:
- a first downconverter for mixing said received signal with a first local oscillator frequency signal and converting it to a first intermediate frequency signal;
  - a second downconverter for mixing said first intermediate frequency  
25 signal with a second local oscillator frequency signal and downconverting it to a second intermediate frequency;

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-second local oscillator means for generating a second local oscillator signal having an accurate frequency determined by a quartz crystal resonator;

-reference divider means having an input for said second local oscillator signal and producing a first output signal at a frequency equal to said accurate  
5 second local oscillator frequency divided by a first integer and producing a second output signal by further dividing said first output signal in frequency by a second integer wherein said second output signal changes state from high to low or low to high in response to a change of state of said first output signal from a first state to a second state;

10 -first local oscillator frequency synthesizer means having a first input for said second divider output signal and a second input for said first local oscillator frequency signal and in dependence thereon producing a control signal to control said first local oscillator to produce the desired first local oscillator frequency signal;

15 -transmit signal generator means for producing a signal at said transmit frequency, said signal generator having a first input for said first divider output signal and a second input for said first local oscillator signal and producing said transmit frequency signal in dependence thereon, wherein said transmit signal generator means is responsive to said first divider output signal transitions from  
20 said second state to said first state.

7. A cellular radiotelephone of reduced complexity comprising:

-a first receiver integrated circuit having a first input for a first local oscillator frequency control signal, a second input for a signal received via an antenna, said circuit providing at a first output connection a first output signal at  
25 said first local oscillator frequency from a first local oscillator and providing at a second output connection a second output signal at a first intermediate frequency by downconverting said signal received at said second input using said first local oscillator;

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-a second receiver integrated circuit having a third input connected via a filter to said second output of said first receiver circuit, producing at a third output connection a second local oscillator signal from a second local oscillator and producing at a fourth output connection a second intermediate frequency signal by  
5 downconverting said first intermediate frequency signal inputted to said third input using said second local oscillator;

-a first transmit integrated circuit having a fourth input connected to said first output of said first receiver circuit and producing a control signal at a fifth output connection connected to said first input of said first receiver circuit, and  
10 having a fifth input connected to said third output of said second receiver circuit and producing in dependence thereon a signal at a desired frequency of transmission.

8. A dual-mode cellular radiotelephone apparatus for receiving and transmitting coded and modulated information symbols at a first symbol rate  
15 alternately at a second symbol rate comprising:

-dual reference frequency oscillator means responsive to a select signal to oscillate at a first accurate frequency or a second accurate frequency according to the select signal level and to provide an output signal of the selected frequency;

-digital signal processing means using said selected reference oscillator  
20 frequency signal to generate said coded and modulated information symbols for transmission at said first rate or said second rate in dependence on the selected reference frequency;

-second local oscillator frequency synthesizer means for producing an accurate second local oscillator frequency signal phase-locked to said selected  
25 reference frequency signal;

-first local oscillator frequency synthesizer means for producing an accurate first local oscillator frequency signal;

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-transmit oscillator means for producing a signal at a desired frequency of transmission in dependence on a control signal;

-transmit oscillator frequency control means comprising transmit mixer for mixing said transmit frequency signal with said first local oscillator signal to produce a transmit offset frequency signal and transmit phase lock loop for comparing said transmit offset frequency signal with said second local oscillator frequency signal to generate said control signal.

9. The apparatus of claim 8 in which said first local oscillator synthesizer means adjusts said first local oscillator signal frequency to an accurate value using said second local oscillator signal as a frequency reference signal.

10. The apparatus of claim 8 in which said first local oscillator signal is mixed with an amplified and filtered received signal to generate a first intermediate frequency signal and said first intermediate frequency signal is further mixed with said second local oscillator signal to produce a second intermediate frequency signal.

11. The apparatus of claim 10 in which the nominal frequency of said second intermediate frequency signal is zero when reception at said first symbol rate is selected and non-zero when reception at said second symbol rate is selected.

12. The apparatus of claim 8 in which said first accurate frequency is a multiple of 6.5MHz and said second accurate frequency is a multiple of 9.72MHz.

13. A dual-mode digital cellular radiotelephone comprising:  
-reference oscillator means oscillating at an accurately controlled frequency of 19.5MHz;



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-transmitter means for generating a signal complying with the GSM cellular standard having a transmitted bit rate derived from said reference oscillator frequency by division by an integer factor of 72, alternatively for generating a signal complying with the IS-136 cellular standard having a symbol  
5 rate derived from said reference oscillator frequency by dividing by a non-integer factor.

14. The radiotelephone of claim 13 in which said non-integer division comprises a first non-integer division by the factor 100 and 25/81 followed by a second integer division by 8.

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FIGURE 1

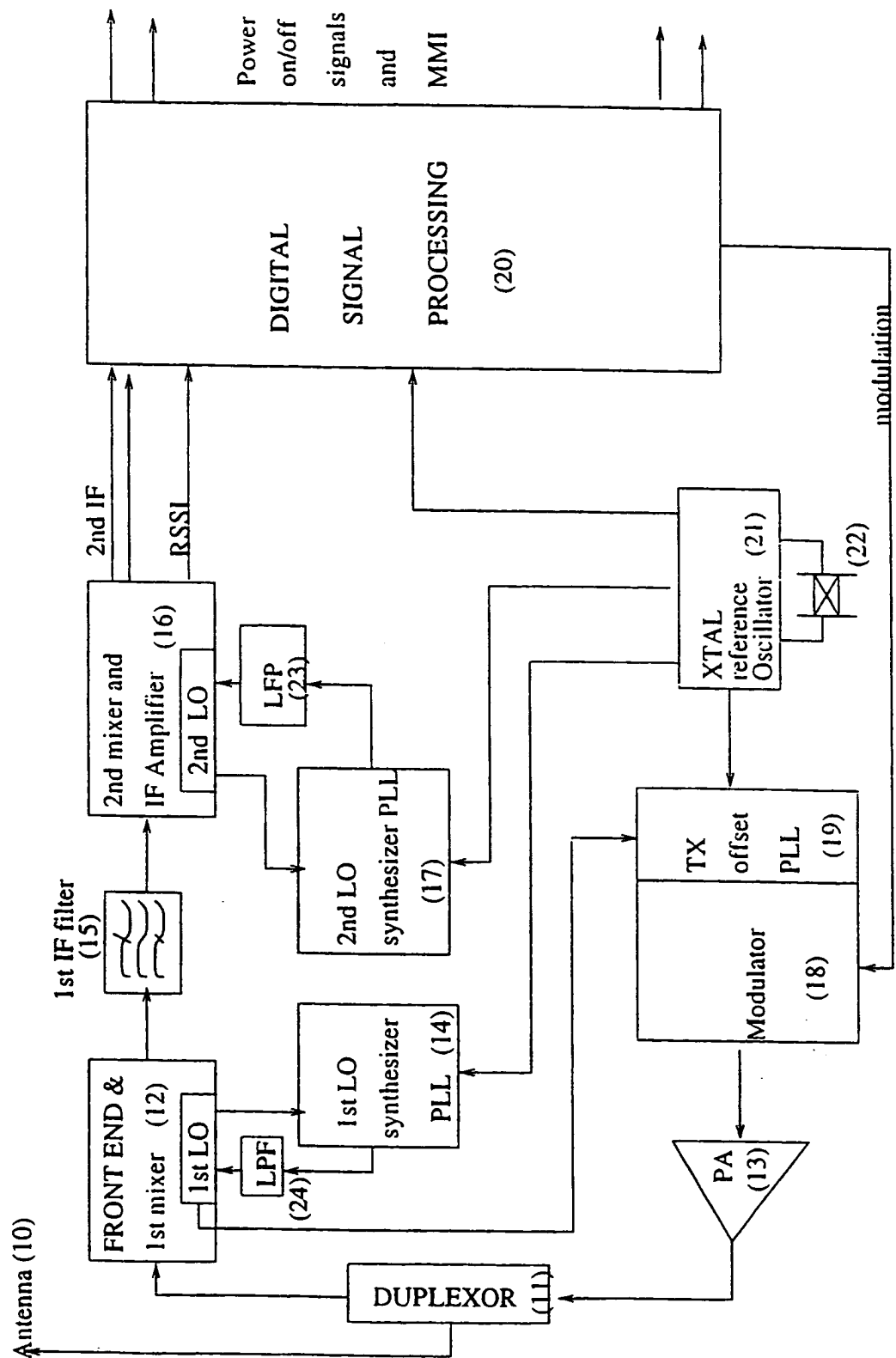
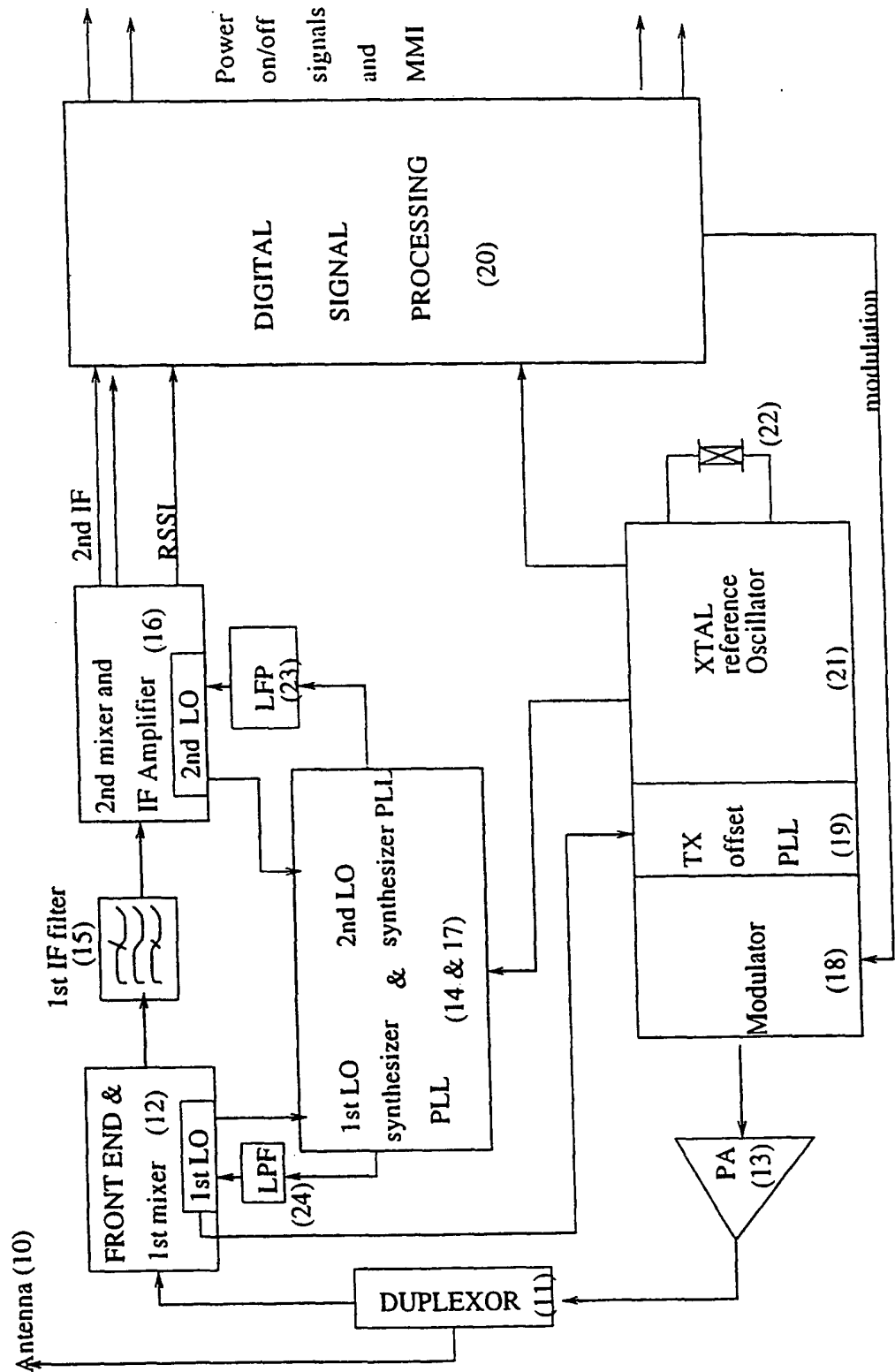
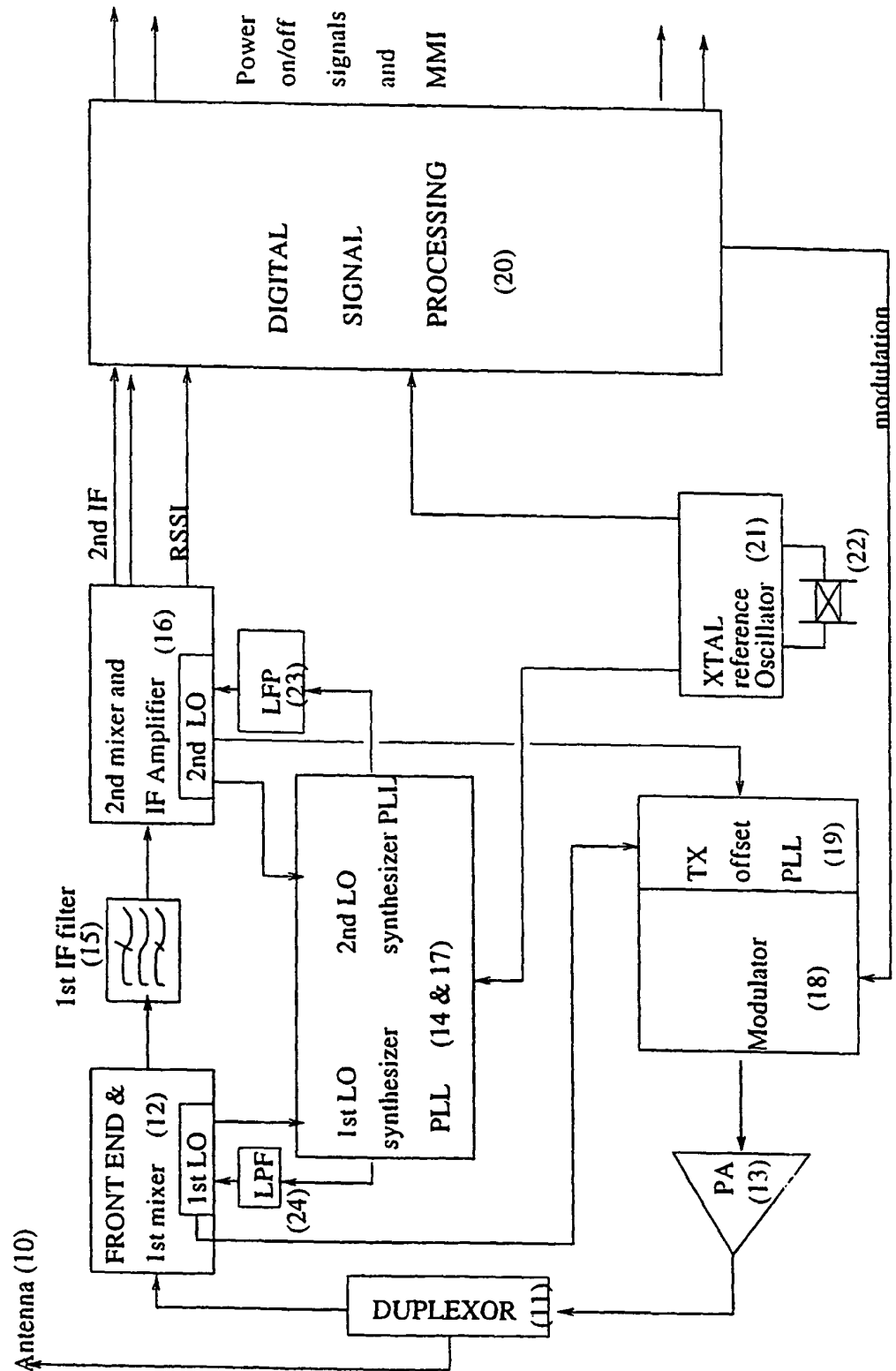


FIGURE 2



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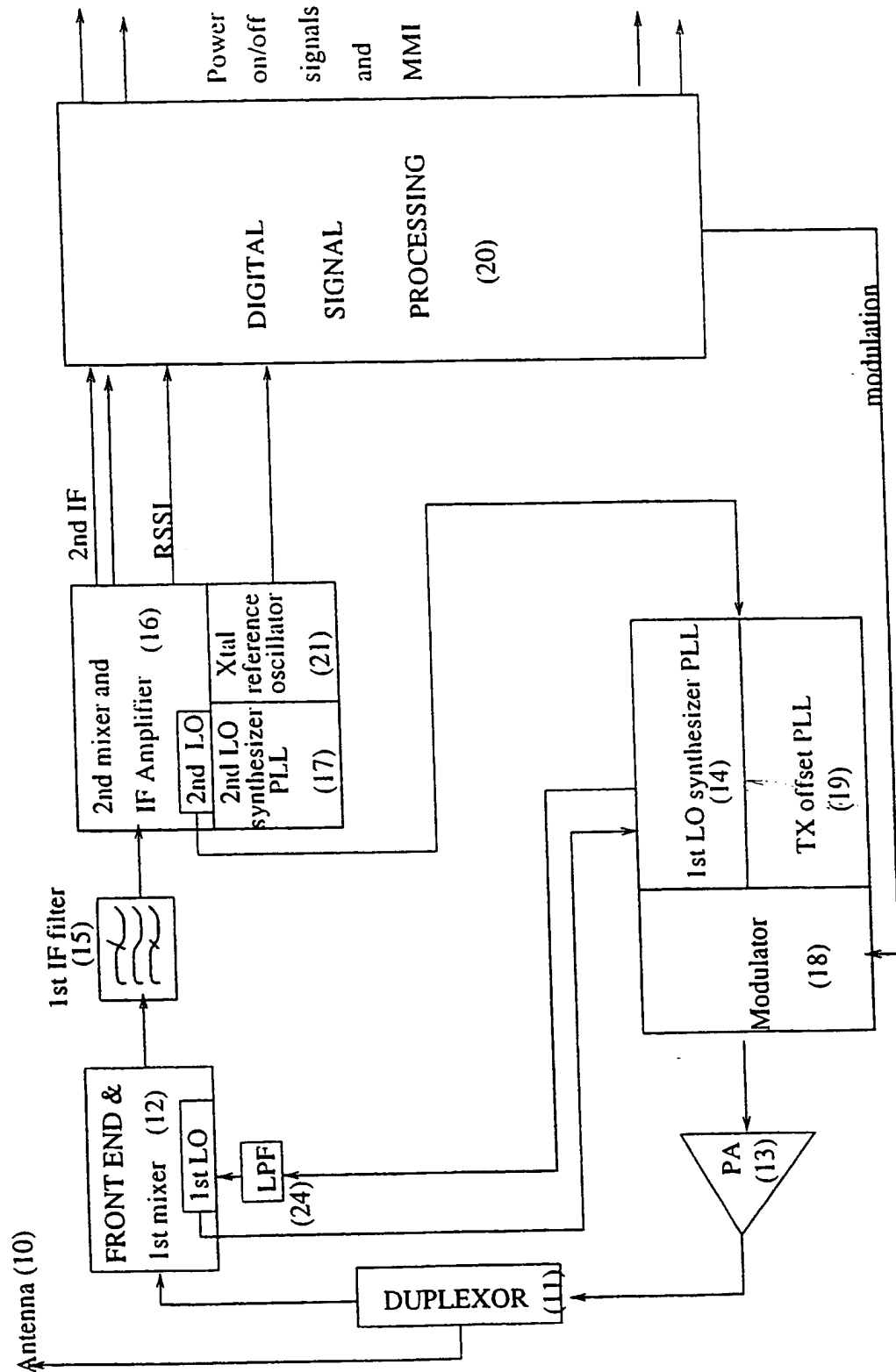
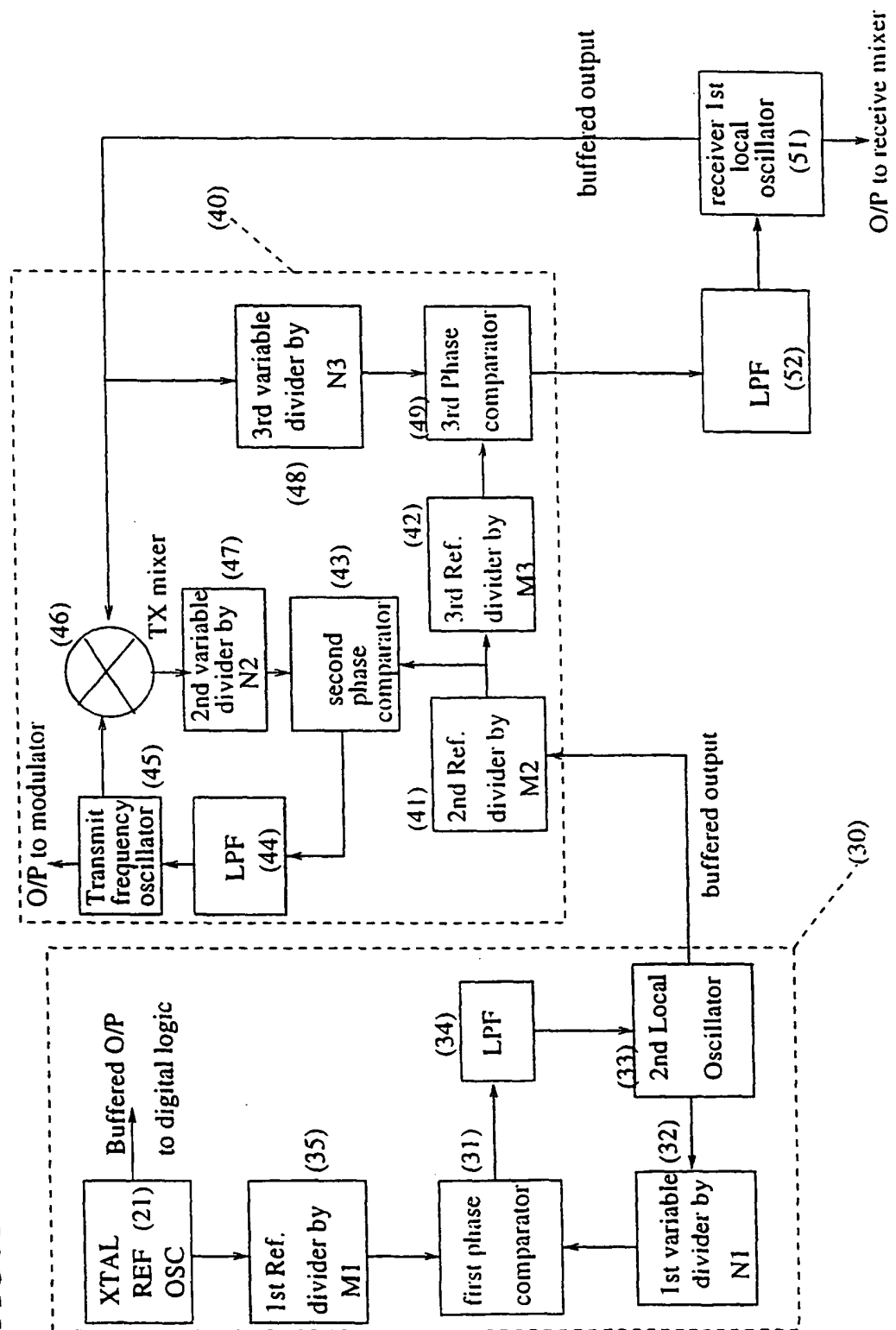
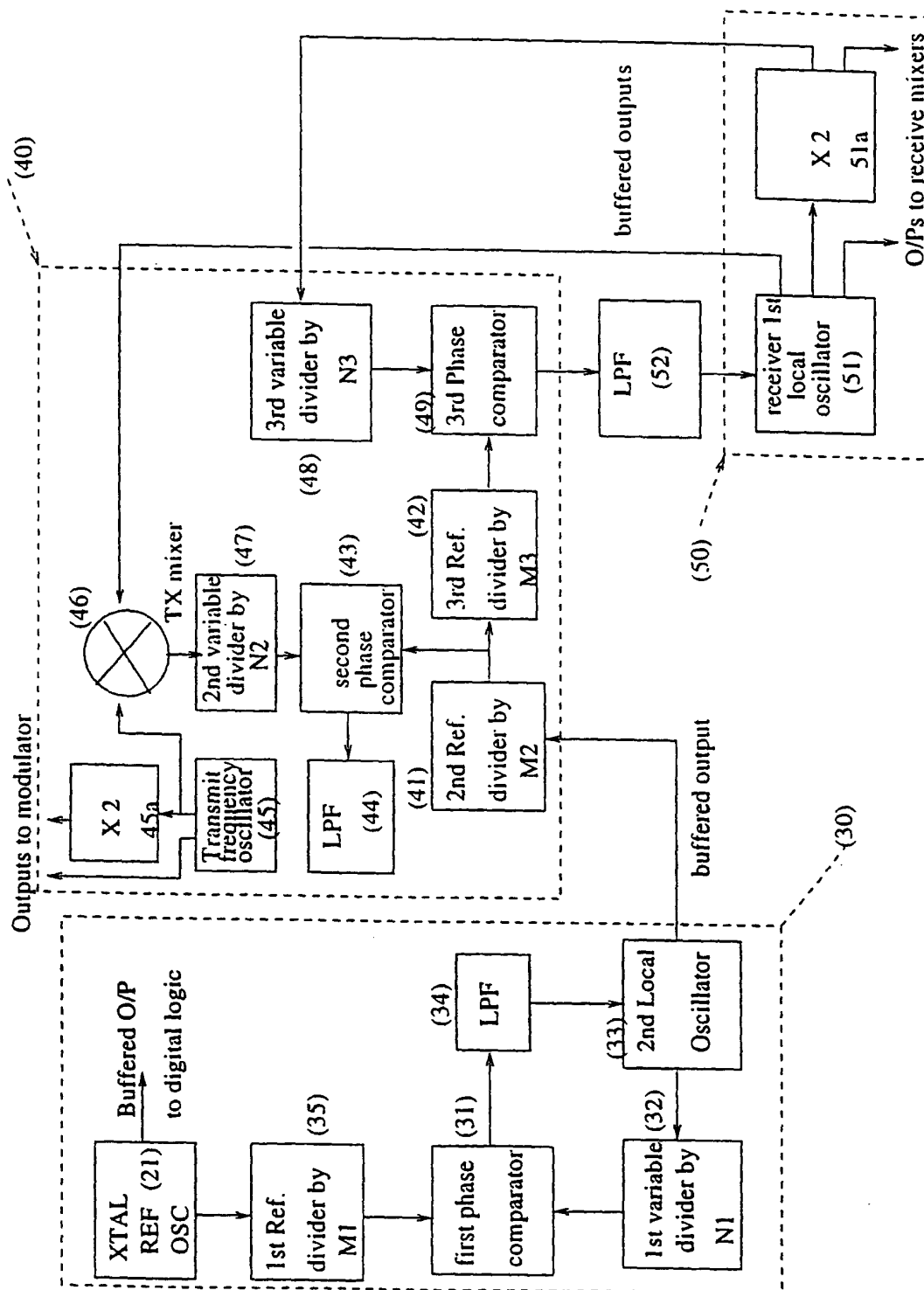


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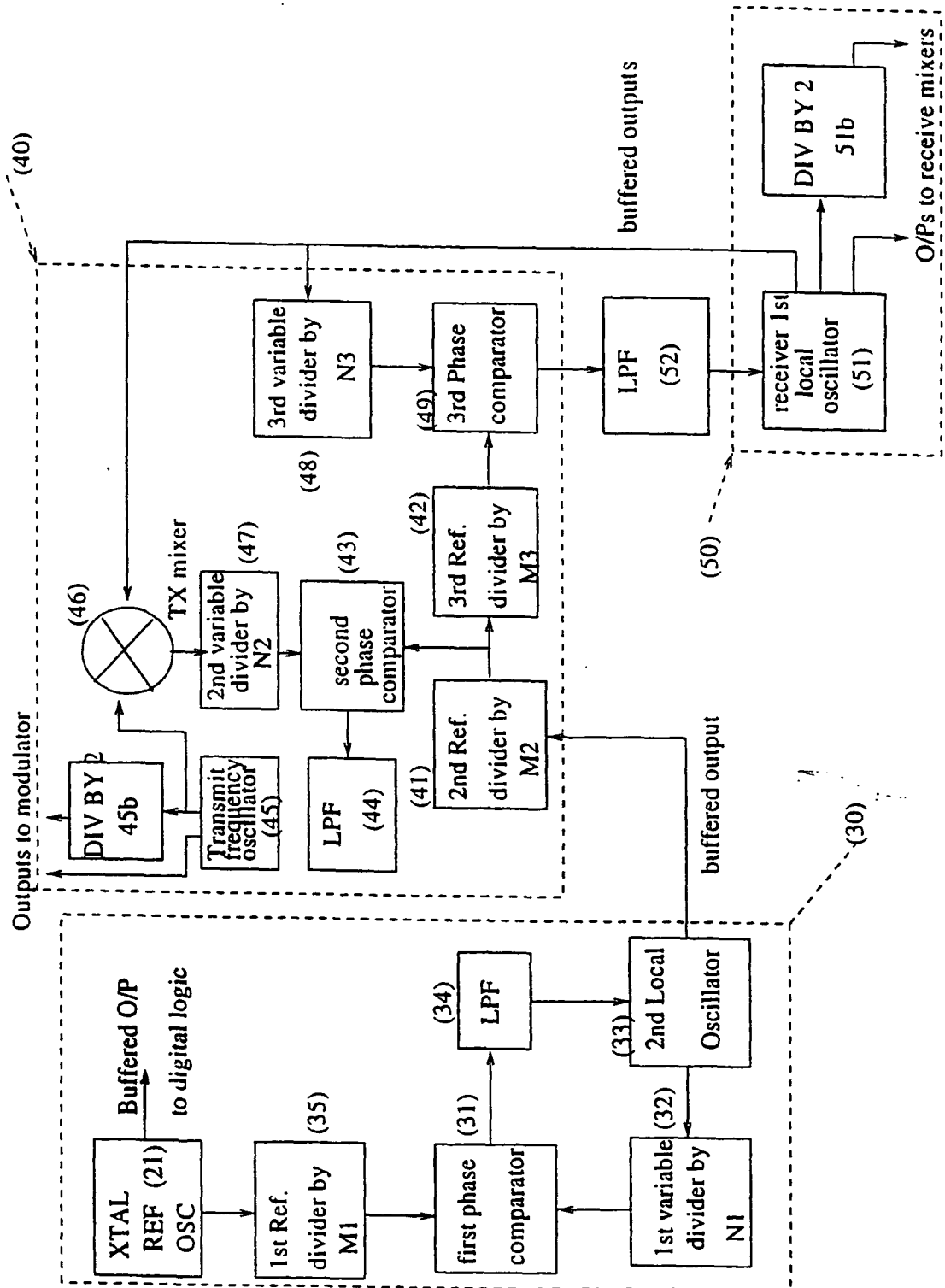
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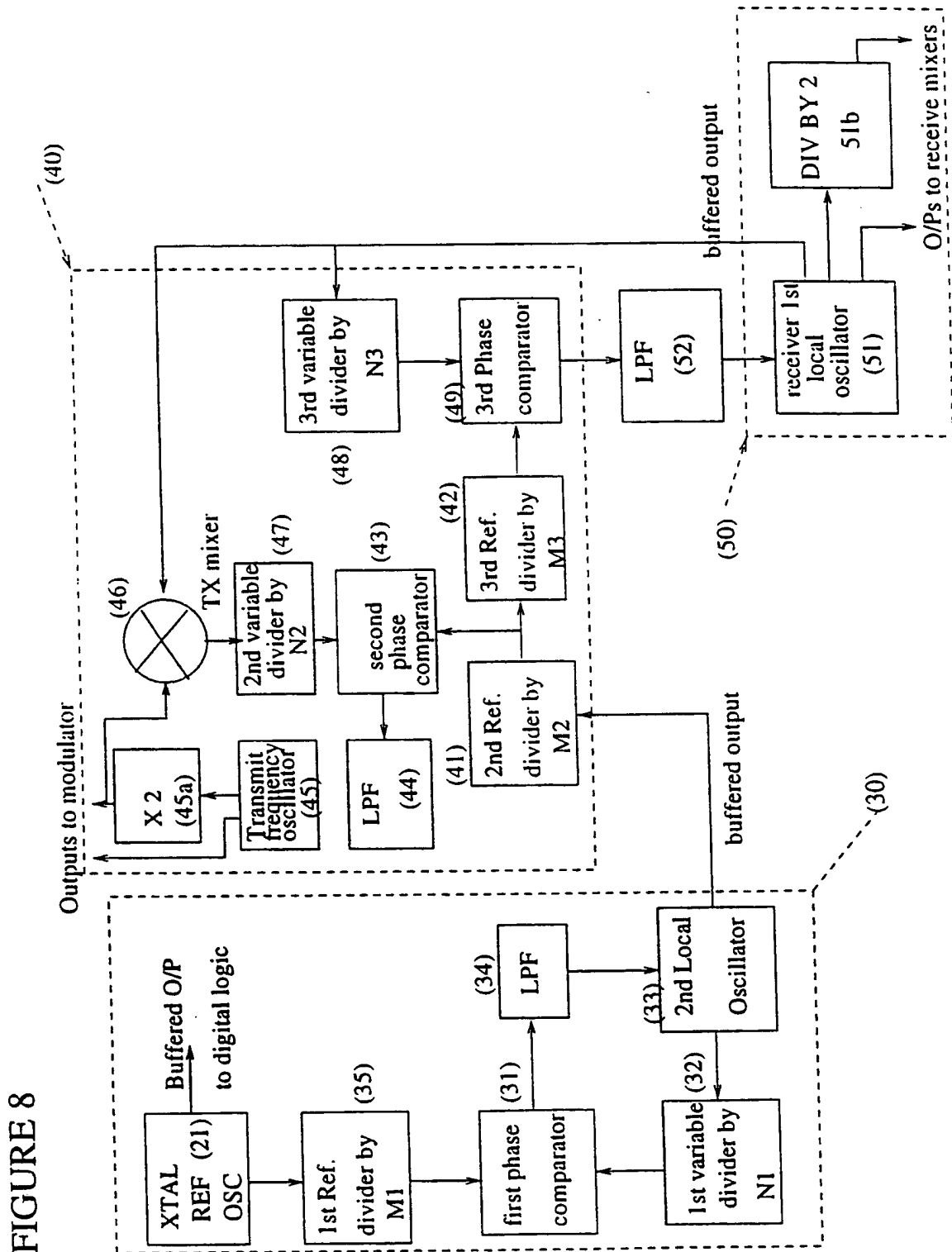
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FIGURE 9

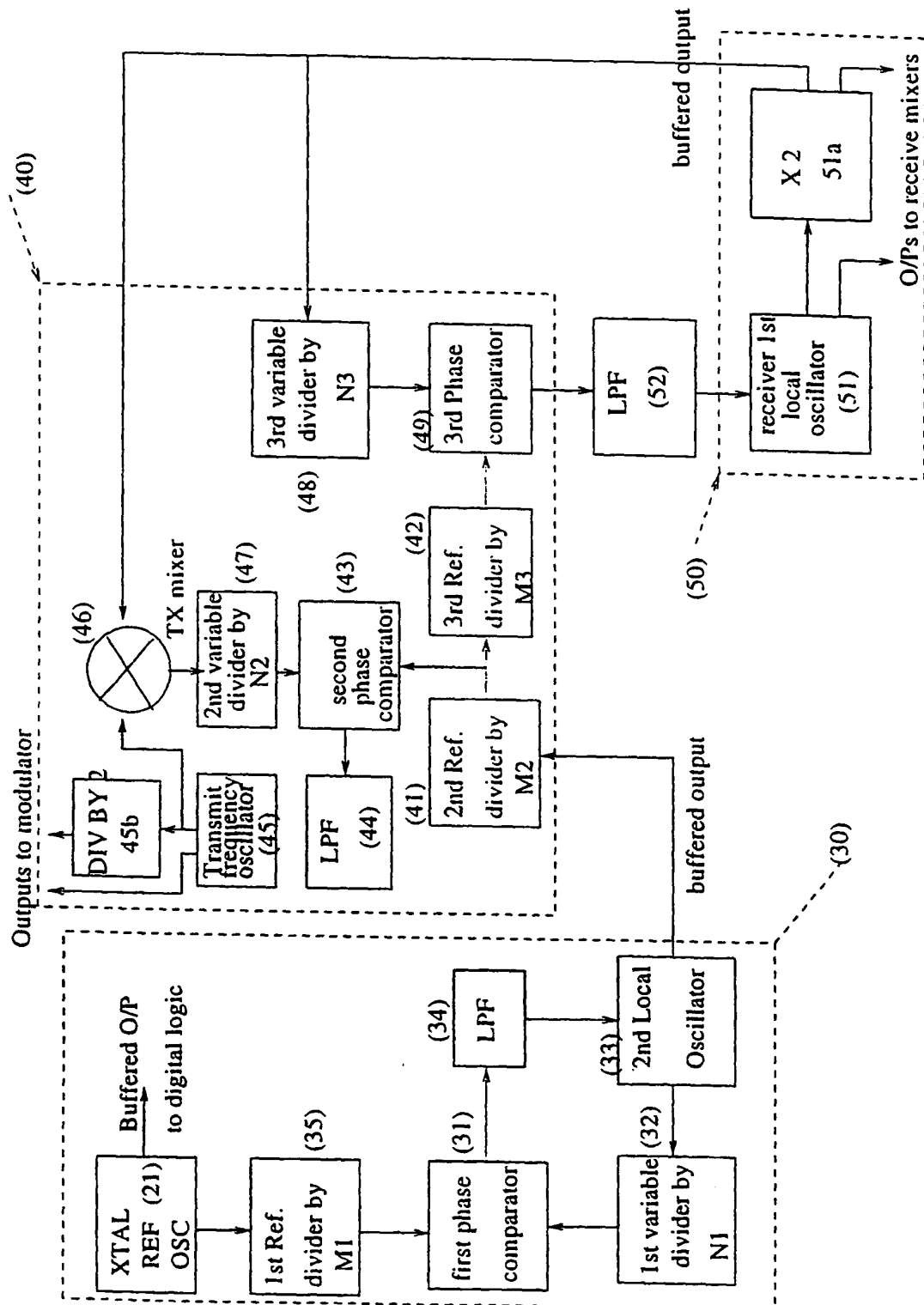
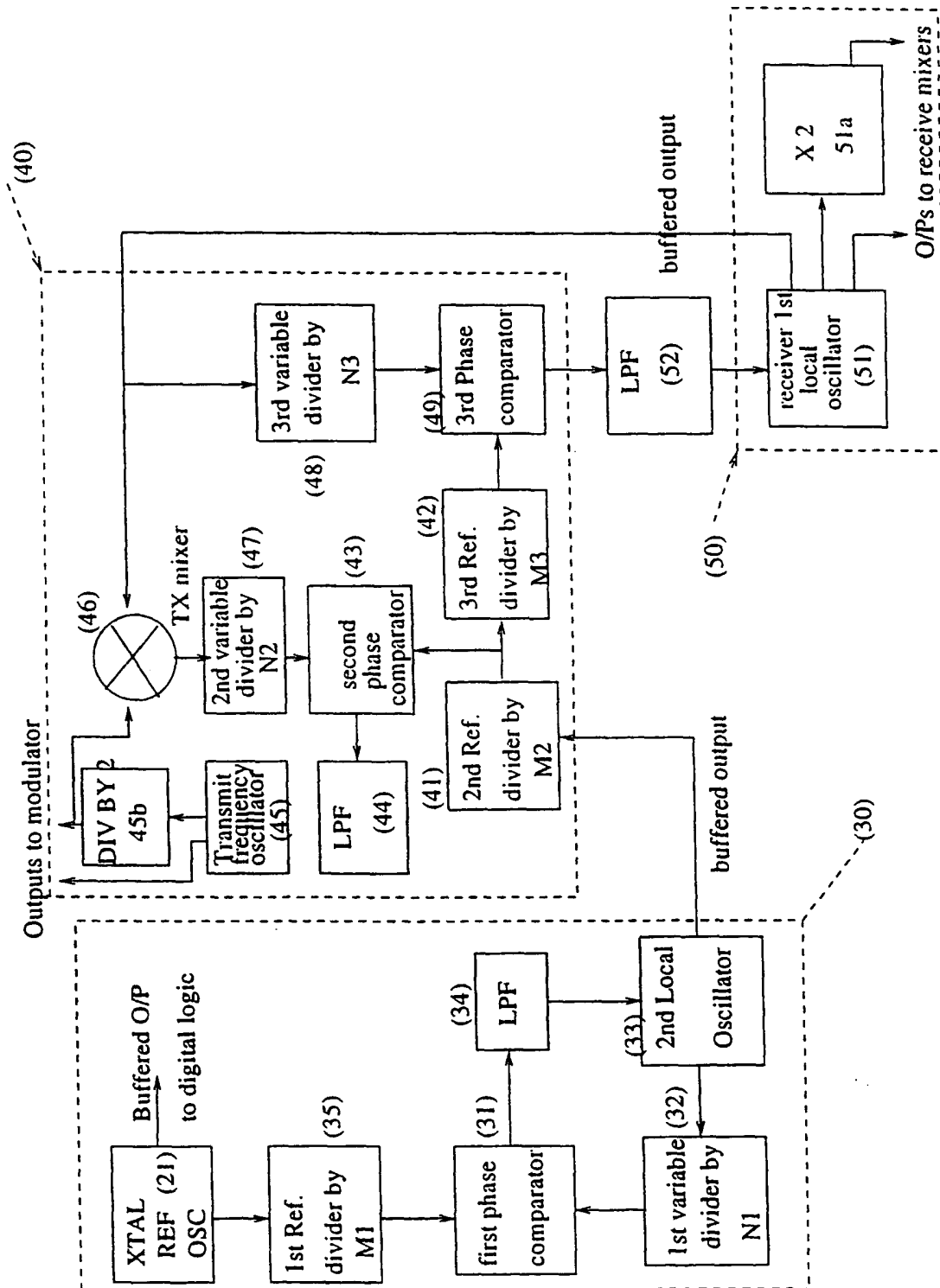


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FIGURE 11

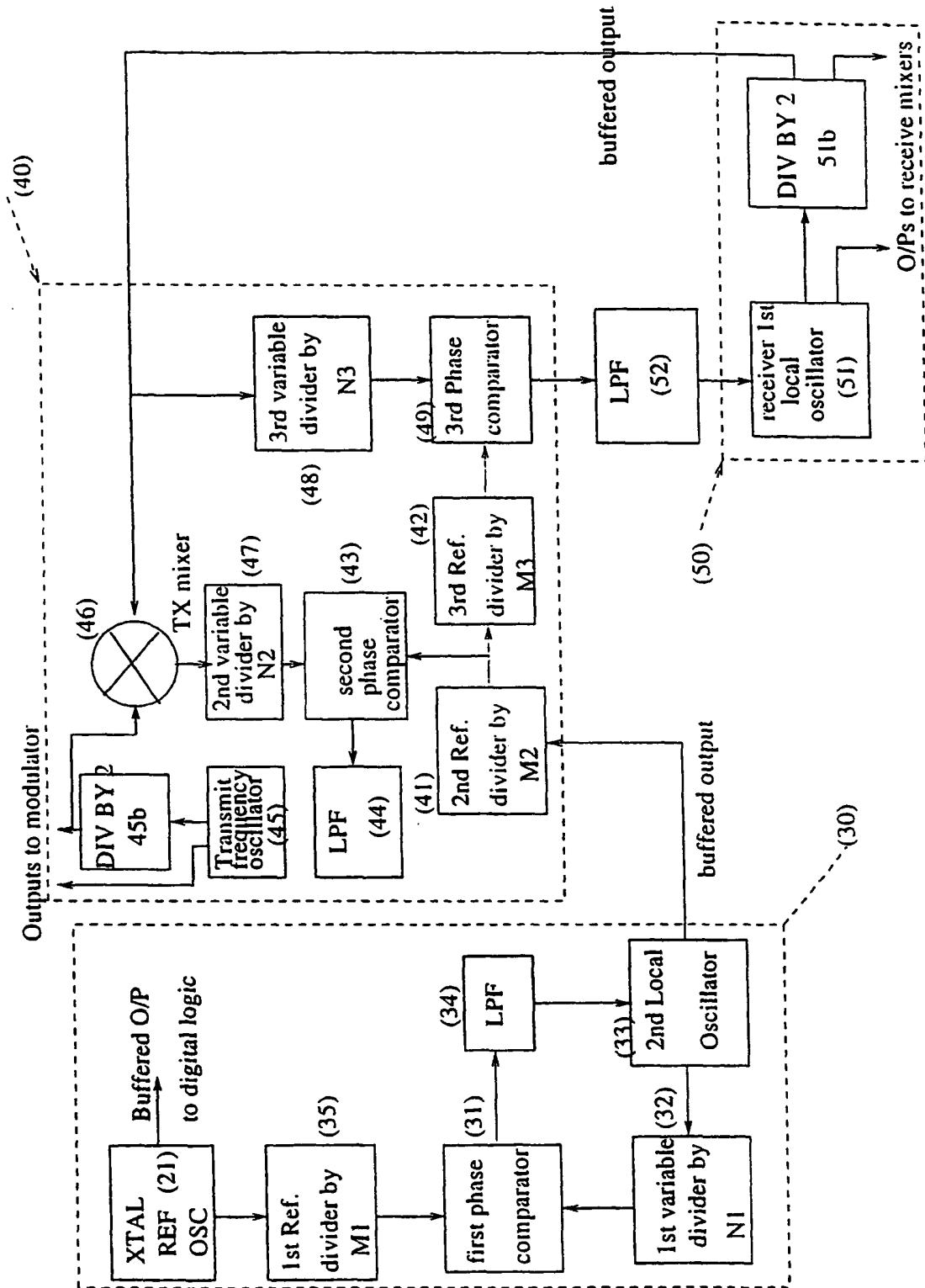


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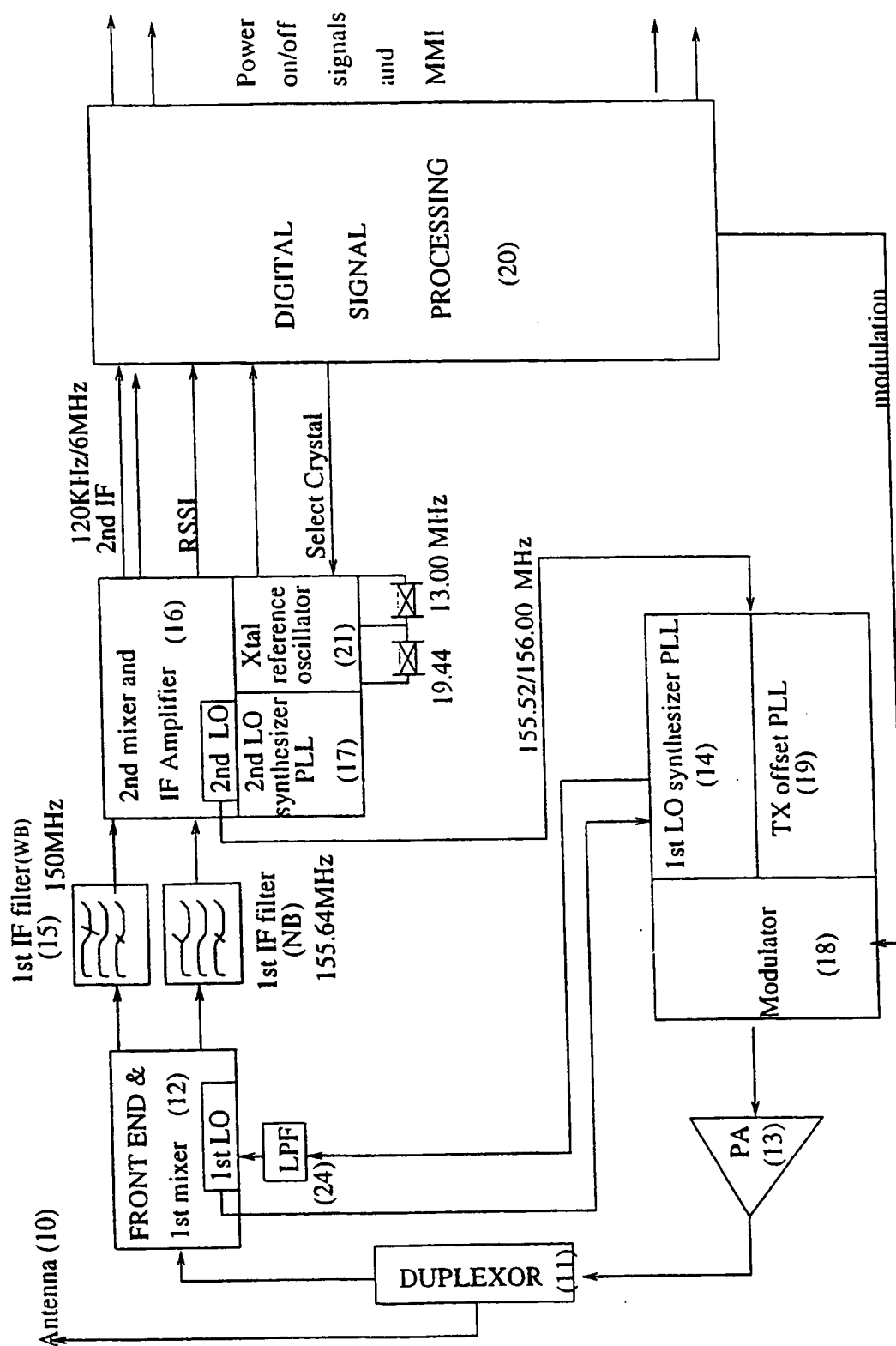
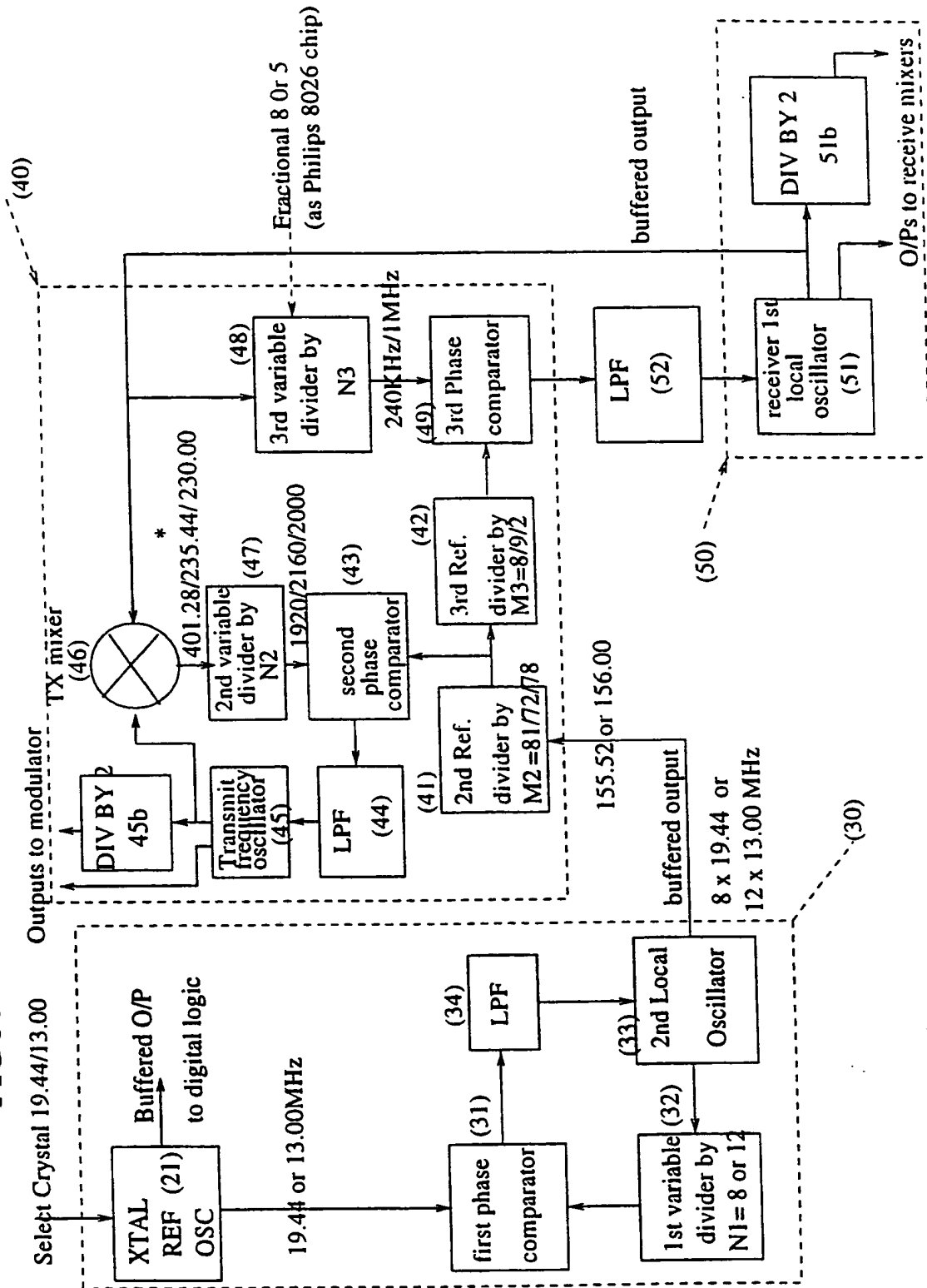
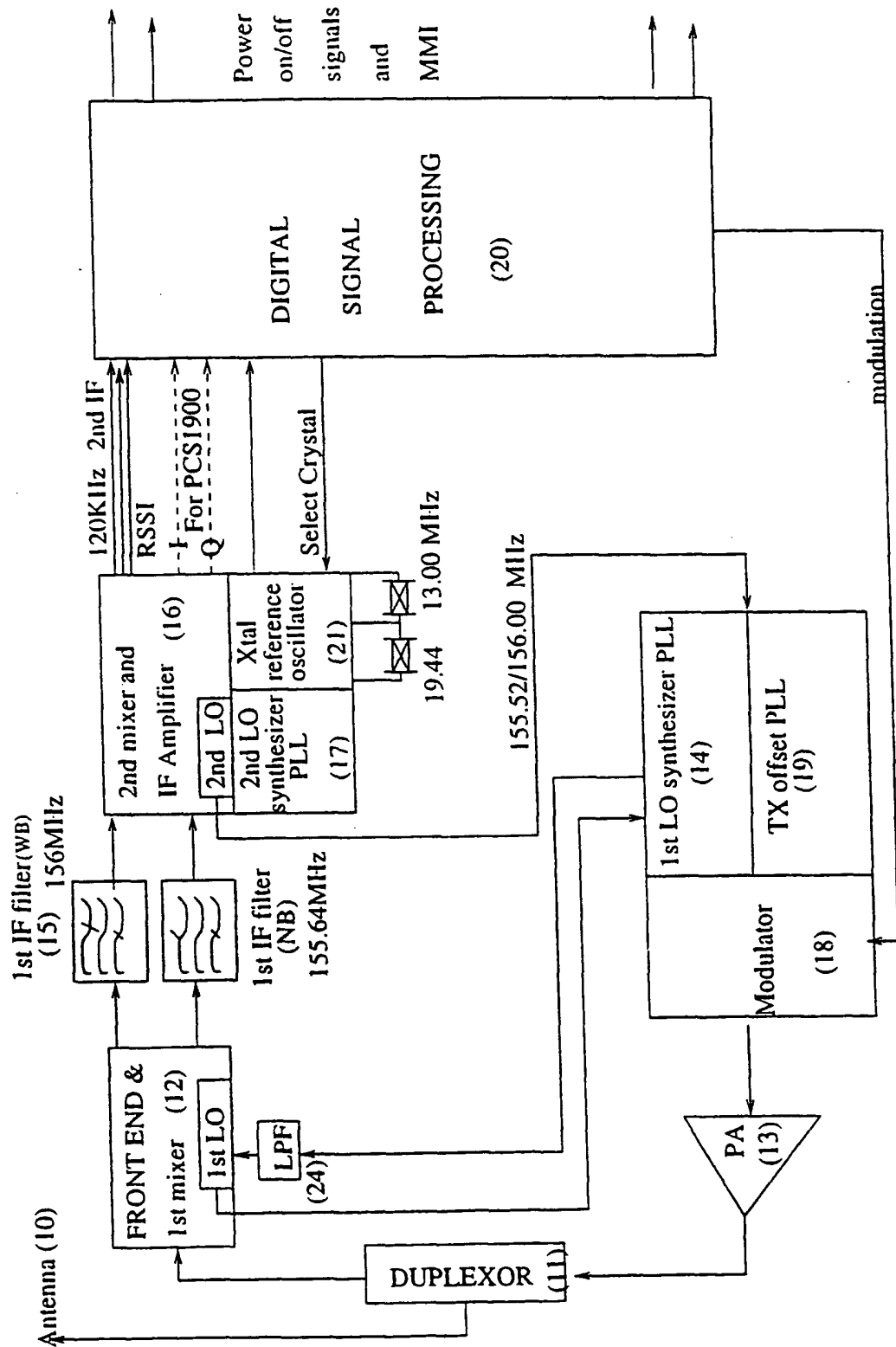


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FIGURE 17

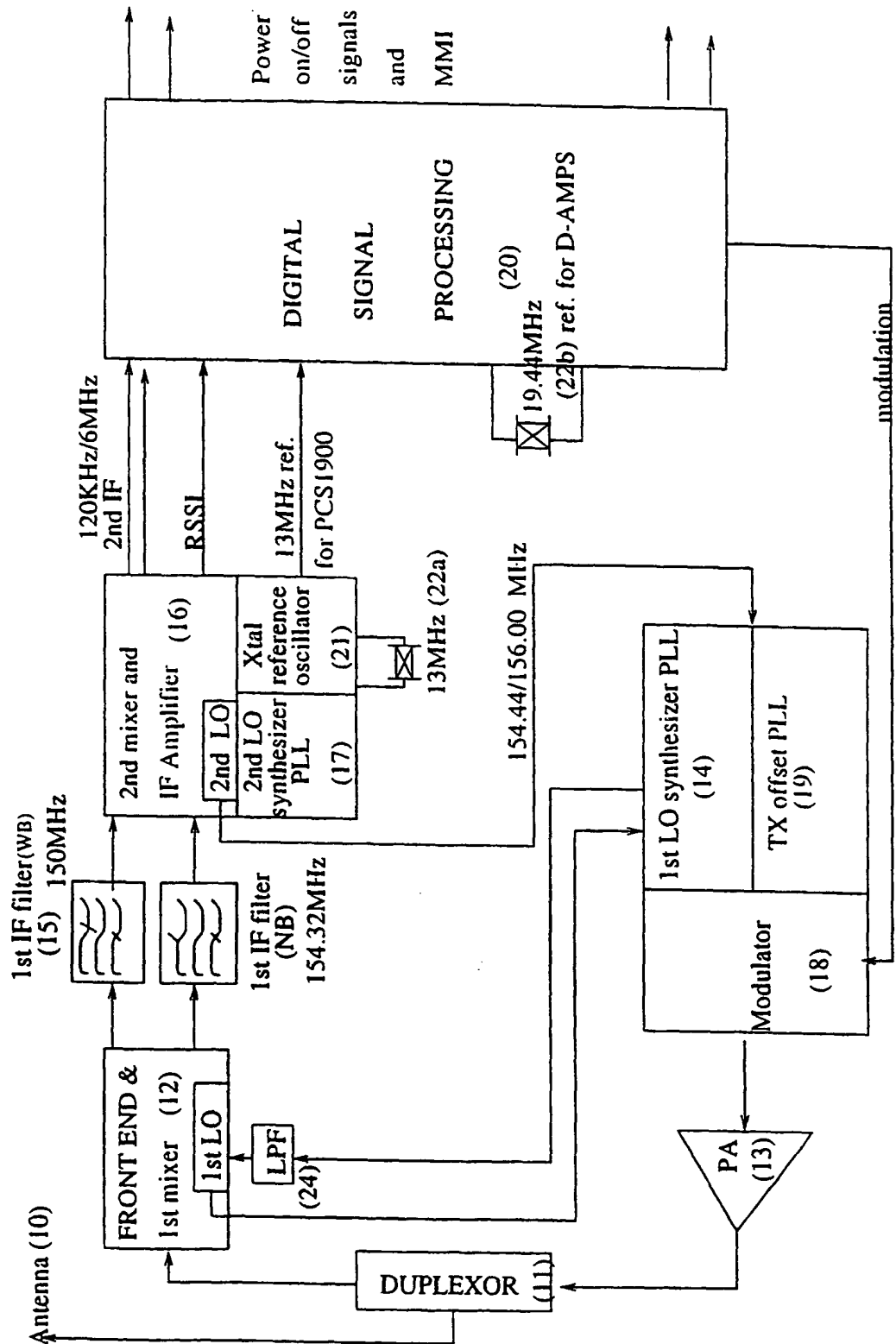
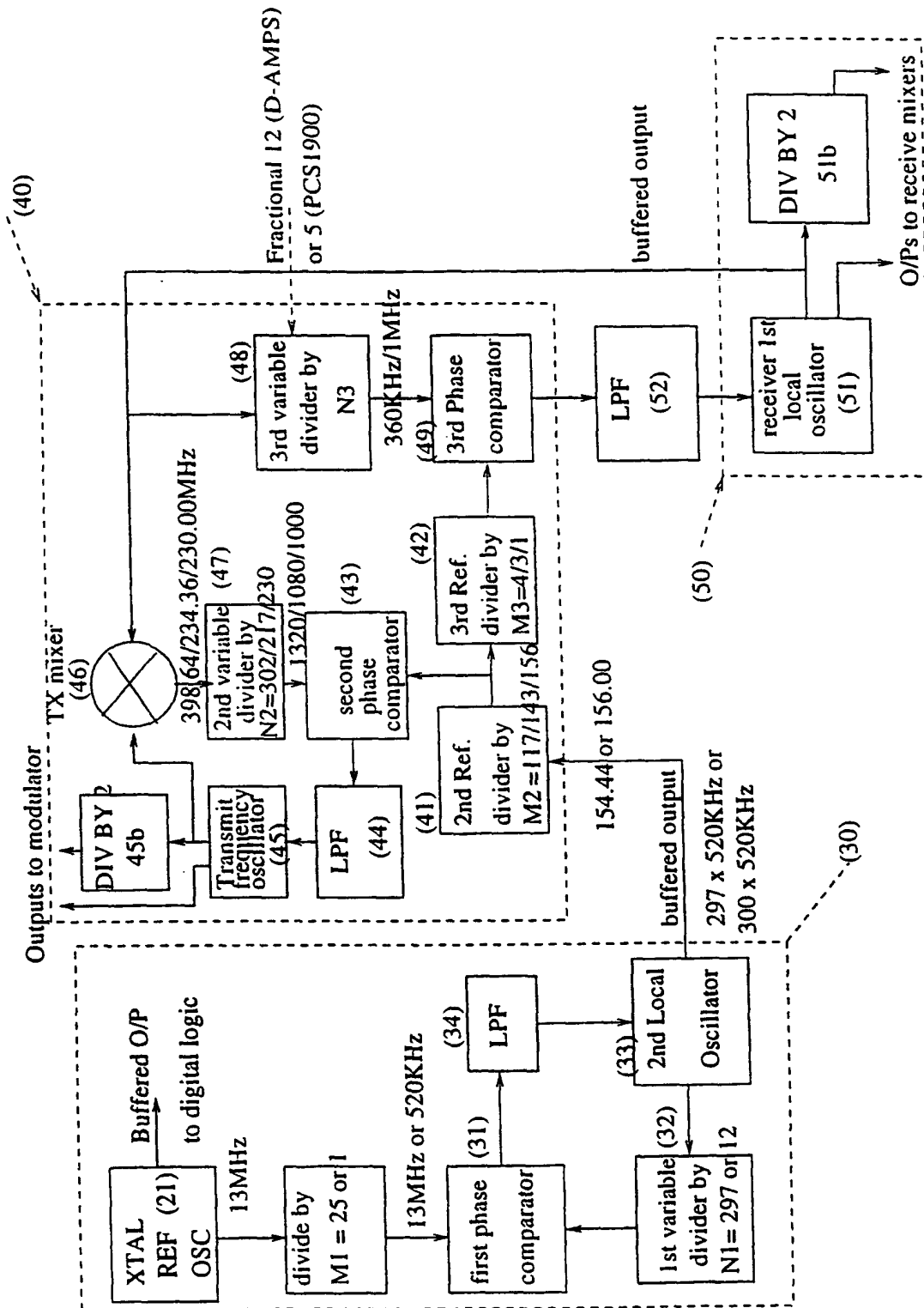
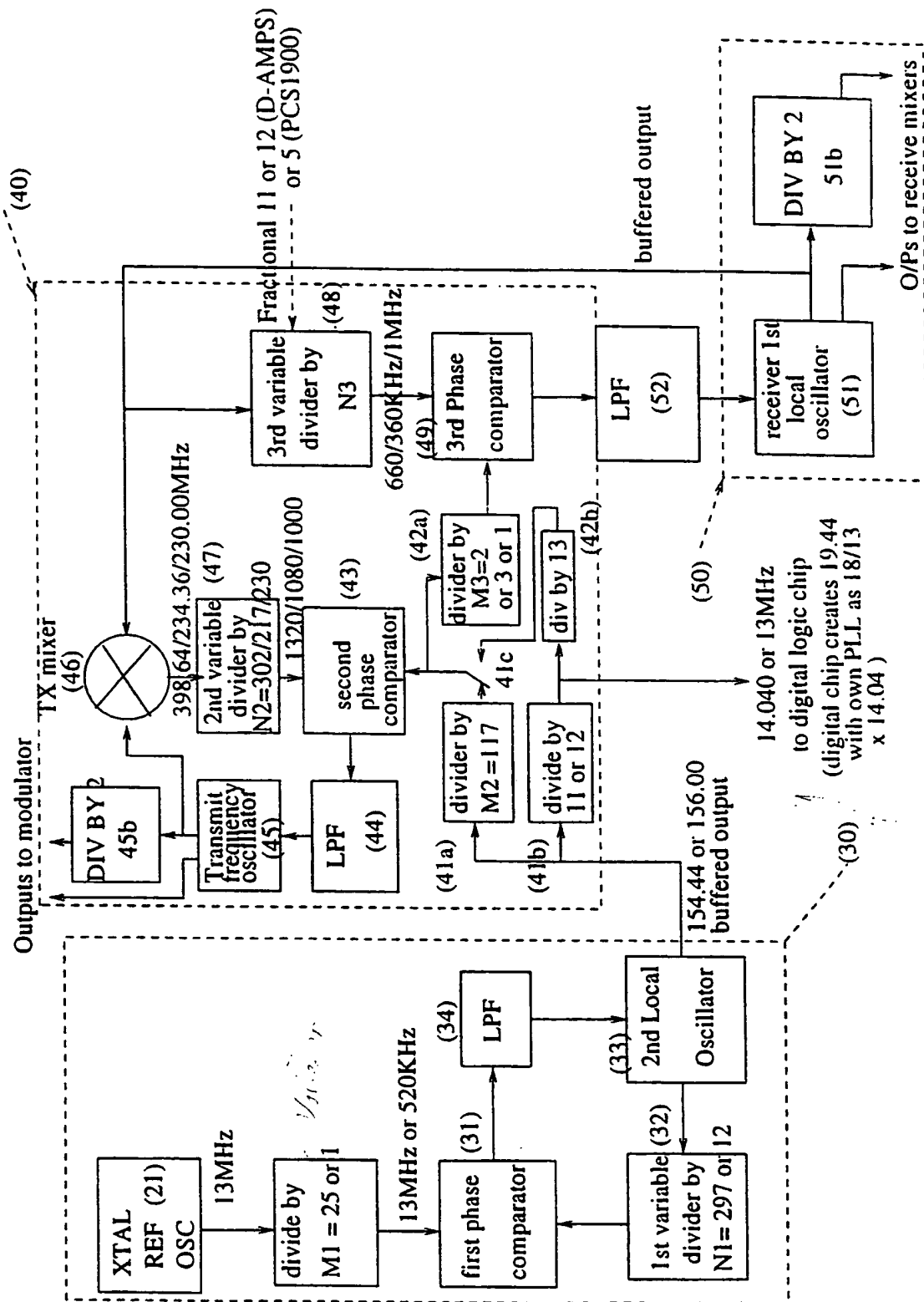


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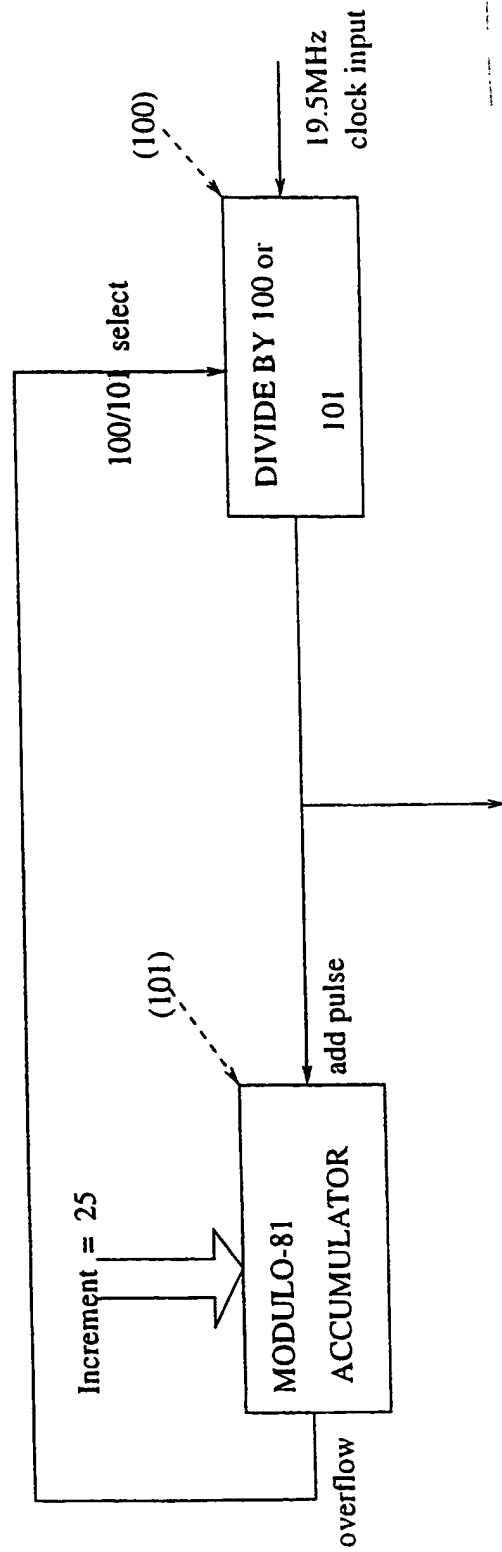
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FIGURE 19



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FIGURE 20



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